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Four-year term would be 'the age of the offered hand'

# Bush sworn in as 41st US President

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Agencies): George Bush became the 41st President of the United States today, describing America at the end of the eight-year Ronald Reagan era as prosperous and at peace.

But Bush said "a new breeze is blowing" and he said his four-year term would be "the age of the offered hand."

At precisely 12:03 pm (1703 GMT) Bush recited the 35-word oath of office, resting his left hand on two Bibles held by his wife Barbara. One edition was a family Bible, the other was used by George Washington at his swearing-in 200 years ago.

A 21-gun salute followed immediately after, booming over the Capitol and echoing off the marble monuments.

He spoke directly to the Democrats who dominate Congress, saying the nation needs "compromise where there has been dissension.

## Attitude

Bush noted that Republicans and Democrats have often been too mistrustful, an attitude he traced back to the Vietnam war.

"The final lesson of Vietnam is that no great nation can long afford to be surprised by a memory," he said.

With that Bush said he meant to put out his hand to the Speaker

of the House, Democrat Jim Wright, and to the majority leader of the Senate, Democrat George Mitchell.

"This is the age of the offered hand."

"To my friends — and yes, I mean friends — in the loyal opposition — and yes I mean loyal, I put out my hand," Bush said.

Moments before the presidential oath was administered, former Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle was sworn in as Vice-President.

It was the first time since Dwight D. Eisenhower left office in 1961 that a President had served the full two-term limit, and it had been 60 years since a President bequeathed office to a man of his own party.

Moments after he finished, the ceremony ended in a simple sentimental moment that marked the shift from one era — Reagan's — to another.

The 77-year-old outgoing President, bundled up in dark blue topcoat and white silk scarf, and wife Nancy, as ever in her trademark "Reagan red" coat, embraced George and Barbara Bush and boarded a helicopter awaiting them on Capitol Hill.

Reagan, Bush and Quayle all wore dark overcoats in the cold temperatures. Reagan also wore a white scarf; Nancy Reagan wore a trademark-red overcoat, while Barbara Bush wore a bright blue one.

"There is new ground to be broken," Bush said in his inaugural address. "I come before you and assume the presidency at a moment rich with promise. We live in a peaceful prosperous time, but we can make it better."

More than 100,000 people spilled across the Capitol



Chief Justice William Rehnquist swears in Bush (left) as the 41st President of the US as Barbara Bush (centre) and Reagan (right) look on. (Reuter wirephoto)

grounds to cheer the transfer of power. Reagan, a popular two-term President, was barred by the constitution from seeking office again.

In his address, Bush began by paying tribute to Reagan, his political mentor of the past eight years. "On behalf of our nation," Bush said, "I thank you for the wonderful things you have done for America."

## Engaged

Promising a bright future, Bush said: "A new breeze is blowing — and a nation refreshed by freedom stands ready to push on: there is new ground to be broken."

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"America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral purpose. We as a people have such a purpose. It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world," he said.

The new US leader, who said in accepting the Republican presidential nomination last August that he wanted to lead a "kinder, gentler nation," spelled out in general terms how he hoped to achieve that.

To deal with such problems as homelessness, drug abuse, crime and urban decay, Bush called for "a new activism, hands on and involved" by private citizens and businesses as well as the federal

government.

"We will work hand in hand, encouraging, sometimes leading, sometimes being led, rewarding. We will work on this in the White House, in the cabinet agencies. I will go to the people and programmes that are the brighter points of light and I will ask every member of my government to become involved," he added.

He spoke as a light breeze swept across the crowd in temperatures of about 50 degrees F (10°C). The Harlan (Kentucky) boys choir opened the ceremony by singing "This is my country" as the huge audience stood silently.

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Asked about Pakistan's request to buy 60 F-16s, worth \$1.4 billion, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "It would be a matter of great concern to the Indian government" if it was granted. The spokesman declined further comment.

The Press Trust of India later quoted official sources as saying the US State Department informed New Delhi that no decision has yet been taken on the matter.

The Times of India said Rajiv's government was particularly "disturbed" that the request was "being treated with some consideration in Washington" while the Soviet Union is completing its troop pullout from Afghanistan after a more than nine-year occupation.

The US justified massive military and economic aid to Islamabad by citing the threat posed by the presence of Soviet forces in Afghanistan and frequent violations of Pakistan's airspace by Soviet and Afghan aircraft in attacks on US-backed Afghan rebels based in Pakistan.

## Concern

## Deportation

LONDON, Jan 20, (UPI): A Sri Lankan communist, who holed out in a church for two years to avoid deportation from Britain, was put aboard a flight home today amidst a chorus of protests and political controversy after losing a lengthy legal battle based on fears he would be killed if he was sent home.

Viraj Mendis, 32, a communist, was put aboard a plane to Sri Lanka, after spending two days in a London jail.

# Six tankers to revert to Kuwaiti flag

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Agencies): In another sign of peace in the Gulf, the Pentagon has said six Kuwaiti tankers will haul down the US flag and give up protection by American warships in the waterway.

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## Heunis vows to maintain Botha policies

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20, (Reuters): President P.W. Botha has appointed his senior cabinet minister Chris Heunis as caretaker President while he recovers from a mild stroke which has left South Africa in a mood of political uncertainty.

After taking the oath as acting President yesterday Heunis, the constitutional development minister, vowed: "My colleagues and I, acting as a team, will continue with the implementation of policies outlined by the state President."

But political analysts said Botha's stroke on Wednesday had caused uncertainty by suddenly removing him from daily decision-making, which he has increasingly dominated.

"It is safe to assume that the President would have to rest for quite a while to recover from his illness and this means that his personal touch will be missing," state run television news commented.

The Cape Town military hospital where Botha is recovering announced yesterday that his left arm and leg had been weakened but his face muscles and speech had not been affected.

## Norwegian minister

OSLO, Jan 20, (AP): Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg will visit Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Syria and Tunisia Jan 24-30, his office said today.

## Prison inspection

ANKARA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Stung by harsh criticism of its human rights record, Turkey plans to open its prisons to inspection under terms of a Council of Europe Convention against Torture, official sources said today.

The Justice Ministry has sent circulars to prisons, offices of prosecutors and detention houses telling them to prepare for inspections by teams under terms of the convention, they said.

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## Soviets reduce 14.2 per cent of military budget

# Moscow announces tactical missile cut in Europe

VIENNA, Jan 20, (UPI): Western officials welcomed a Soviet announcement that Moscow will remove some tactical weapons from Eastern Europe, but noted that the NATO allies had already reduced their own nuclear arsenal by about 2,400 warheads.

The Soviet announcement was made yesterday by Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze during the final day of the 35-nation Vienna conference on European security and human rights.

In addition to the removal of some tactical weapons, Shevardnadze also promised the Soviets would announce by the end of the month "data on the numbers of troops and armaments" of the Warsaw Pact.

NATO welcomed the Soviet announcement, but noted the

West already had significantly reduced its nuclear arsenal in Europe.

A NATO spokesman in Brussels said if the Soviet decision "signals that ... the Soviets are now beginning to realize that their potential far exceeds legitimate requirements, we can only find such steps encouraging."

### Initiative

"Let me point out that NATO, at its own initiative, has already unilaterally reduced its own theatre nuclear stockpile by some 2,400 warheads over the past several years," the spokesman said.

White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said in Washington that US officials would wait to assess the ramifications of the announced withdrawal, but welcome any move to reduce the Soviet military forces.

Shevardnadze told the conference that the Soviets, in the framework of previously announced troop reductions in East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, also would withdraw tactical or battlefield nuclear weapons assigned to those troops.

"We proceed from the premise that nuclear weapons are a step backward, not forward," Shevardnadze said.

He said the Soviets were not "engaged in the modernisation of tactical nuclear missile" and implicitly urged the West to adopt a similar stance.

"Pursuing its declared fundamental objective of removing any foreign military presence and based from the territories of other countries, the Soviet Union will withdraw from Central Europe military formations and units with all their organic armaments, including tactical nuclear systems," he said in his speech.

"No US President is going to have US forces deployed in Central Europe without the most up-to-date equipment we can afford," Ledogar said. He also rejected the possibility of such a freeze while disarmament talks are under way.

On Wednesday, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced a 14.2 per cent cut in the defense budget and said nearly half the 500,000 troops being demobilized from the armed forces will come from the European area.

Gorbachev also said production of weapons and military technology would be reduced by 19.5 per cent.

Shevardnadze hailed the achievements of the 26-month-long Vienna meeting toward improving relations between the two military alliances as well as neutral and non-aligned European nations.

### Budget

But ambassador Stephen Ledogar, chief US negotiator for forthcoming Vienna talks on conventional arms reductions, said the US would continue to update its tactical nuclear systems.

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On Wednesday, Soviet leader

## Rajiv plans new initiative to end ...

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On the economy, Rajiv said his policy of liberalisation through loosening economic controls had accelerated economic growth and boosted exports.

"It has served us well ... The pace of liberalisation will naturally depend on our balance of payments position."

He predicted a buoyant economy for the crucial election year, with economic growth touching nearly 10 per cent, from two per cent in the period from April 1987 to March 1988, and a record agricultural harvest.

Rising

He identified debt servicing and rising prices as the main economic problems but said his government was determined to keep prices in check.

Eight Sikh separatists and two paramilitary policemen were killed during an eight-hour siege of a sugar cane field near the Punjab village of Ghatial, police said today.

## Dali still critically ill

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FIGUERAS, Spain, Jan 20, (AP): Surrealist painter Salvador Dali remained in extremely critical condition today, suffering from heart failure, pneumonia and breathing problems, the painter's doctor said.

Western and Yugoslav analysts view the appointment as evidence that a broad political compromise might have been struck between the two largest republics, Croatia and Serbia.

The compromise could mean Jovic and possibly other Serbs getting prominent cabinet posts in the Markovic government.

Jovic is a staunch supporter of hardline Serbian Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic who has been trying to boost Serbia's power within the federation of six republics and two provinces.

Milosevic told a provincial party meeting yesterday that everyone who caused the economic crisis and opposed reforms should now be swept out of office "from the factory to the federation."

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that the six-member team of doctors caring for the painter

believed his "condition was of

obvious concern," adding that

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Dr Carles Punsati read a medical statement to reporters in which he said "there have been no significant changes in his condition in the last few hours and his vital signs are stable."

"He is receiving treatment for heart failure, pneumonia and breathing difficulties and his prognosis remains extremely critical," Punsati said in a room crowded with reporters at Figueras hospital.

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## Bush sworn in as 41st US President

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Bush's swearing-in crowned a government career more than two decades long.

The 64-year-old Bush, born to wealth and privilege, became a decorated Navy combat pilot in World War II, a Yale graduate, Texas oilman and millionaire, congressman, UN ambassador, envoy to China and CIA director.

In the final hours of his presidency, Reagan paid a farewell visit to his executive Oval Office, shook hands with aides and left a handwritten note on the desk wishing Bush well. The last piece of paper Reagan signed was a letter to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, thanking her for staunch support over the year, said White House spokesman Marin Fitzwater.

### Best

Along with their wives, Reagan and Bush and Quayle posed for pictures on the north portico of the White House. Asked if he had any thoughts for Reagan, Bush said: "The thoughts flow the other way — except to wish him the very best as he leaves this job he did so well."

Serving as White House host one last time, Reagan and Nancy treated the Bushes and the Quayles to coffee and pastries in the Blue Room of the executive mansion. Then they went to the Capitol together.

Thousands of people surged into the city to view the festivities and get a spot along the 1.6-mile (two-kilometre) inaugural parade route.

### Strength

In contrast to the formal attire of Reagan's inauguration in 1981, Bush donned a dark pinstriped suit. In a brief exchange with reporters after morning church service, Bush said he had prayed for "strength — strength, peace."

For the day, at least, prayers seemed to be answered in his final report to Reagan. National Security Adviser Lieut. Gen. Colin Powell said: "The world is quiet today, Mr. President."

## Videotapes on sex available in China

HONG KONG, Jan 20, (AP): A series of videotapes on sex, a subject long taboo in China, is now available in the capital of Beijing, an official news report said today.

The 18-hour series, called "Lectures about scientific knowledge on sex," covers nine topics, including female and male physiology, adolescent psychology, sexual problems and therapy, sexual crime, venereal disease and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, the China news service said.

The news agency said each of the topics is introduced by sexual experts, but did not further describe the videotapes.

## Britain growing wealthier

LONDON, Jan 20, (KUNA): Britain is growing wealthier and becoming more moral in its attitudes, but is also a more violent society, according to a major official survey published here yesterday.

Social trends, the annual report by the central statistical office, showed that the average Briton has grown richer by some three per cent a year, between 1981 and 1987.

But it is the wealthiest who have done best of all, with the richest one per cent of the population owning 20 per cent of the country's wealth, and the top 10 per cent owning 54 per cent.

Violent

At the same time, the official analysis revealed, consumer borrowing on credit had risen "very substantially", with total overall household expenditure exceeding income.

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pornography have all become "more censorious", according to the 223-page document.

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The detailed analysis offered reassurance to air travellers here following the recent spate of crashes. Statistics pointed to the fact that aircraft and trains are far safer than other forms of transport.

Meanwhile, attitudes to extramarital sex, homosexuality, and

pornography have all become "more censorious", according to the 223-page document.

However, the number of children born outside marriage has increased for the second year running, from 21 per cent in 1986 to a "startling" 23 per cent in 1987, compared with just six per cent

Campaign for homeland to continue

## Tamil rebels vow to fight on

VADAMARACHCHI, Jan 20, (Reuter): Tamil guerrillas say they will continue their bloody hit-and-run campaign against Indian troops until they have an independent homeland in Sri Lanka.

"We are fighting for separation ... nothing more, nothing less," said Thepan, a local commander of The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in an interview at a rendezvous in the northern Jaffna peninsula.

Three bodyguards with M-16 rifles surrounded the 26-year-old high-school drop-out who is in charge of the Tigers' political wing.

"We will fight to the last man ... to the last drop of blood," said Thepan.

Rebel sources in Jaffna said the Tigers had recently purchased new weapons, recruited over 1,000 school boys and could fight on for another 10 years.

The Tigers rejected an India-Sri Lanka pact signed in July, 1987, which was aimed at ending

a six-year-old Tamil rebellion and which was accepted by other rebel groups.

Since then the Tigers, the most powerful of the Tamil guerrilla groups, have been fighting 50,000 Indian troops enforcing the agreement.

Ten thousand people have been killed so far in the campaign to set up an independent homeland in the north and east for 2.5 million minority Tamils.

**Firing**

Vadamarachchi, 25 km east of Jaffna, is the heartland of the Tigers' leaders grew up here and the Tiger campaign began here more than 20 years ago.

"We are fighting for our lives. The Indians are pinned everywhere. Our movements, unlike before, are restricted," Thepan said.

After making contact with an informant, more than 24 hours were spent at two villages waiting for the rebels. They came close to one meeting place three times but moved off because of the presence of Indian soldiers

nearby.

On one occasion the rebel group ran into a patrol and exchanged gunfire. There were no casualties.

The guerrilla leader said of the Indian troops, "We can't send them away. But we won't allow them to kill all of us."

The Tigers rely on the support of the Tamil populace for their survival.

Thepan says the Tigers will boycott next month's Sri Lanka parliamentary poll. The group did not participate in provincial council elections last November or December's presidential election.

**Proposals**

"We have requested the people not to vote. The choice is however theirs ... we won't force them," he said.

He said the rebels would contest elections only after there was a permanent solution to their demands. "Also there must be peace before elections," he said.

Thepan said it was still not late to work out a solution through negotiations.

"Though we are fighting for a separate state, we are willing to listen to any new proposals of the Indian and Sri Lankan governments, even from the new President," Ranasinghe Premadasa.

Thepan said the Tigers would continue to fight Indian troops or Sri Lankan soldiers or "anyone who seeks to deprive us of our rights."

Meinawala, suspected left-wing guerrillas beheaded three supporters of an opposition politician in southern Sri Lanka, military sources said.

The victims were a teacher, his son and their friend, dragged from a house at Dondra on Wednesday.

The left-wing People's Liberation Front, which opposes next month's parliamentary poll and is trying to overthrow the government, was believed responsible, the sources said.

The victims were supporters of a local Sri Lanka Freedom Party organiser who is contesting the Feb 15 elections.

## Film idols dominate Tamil Nadu poll scene

MADRAS, Jan 20, (Reuter): Femmes fatales from the movies, a scriptwriter and a prime minister with film star looks have given vital elections to Tamil Nadu's state assembly an air of melodrama worthy of the prolific Indian cinema.

Scriptwriter Muthuveer Karunamani, whose party is the front-runner in Saturday's vote in the southern state, might even consider the scenario too far-fetched.

The wife and former companion of the late M.G. Ramachandran — the star always known as MGR who turned his Tamil cinema roles depicting gods into a dominating political career in the state — lead factions of his party at bitter odds. MGR's wife Janaki leads one faction of his All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). His former companion and co-star Jayalalitha Jayaram leads another.

Both are hoping to take up his role as Tamil Nadu chief minister, each claiming to be his political heir in campaigns that feature neon-lit posters of M.G. Jayalalitha always speaks against a movie poster of her and MGR as gods.

Into the middle of the glitter steps handsome Prime Minister

Rajiv Gandhi, by far the greatest political asset of the nationally-ruled Congress(I) Party that has not won sole power in the populous Tamil state for 20 years.

The cinema razammataz has captured even Congress, which has spent vast amounts of money on Indian movie-style campaign videos in which young people in idyllic rural settings sing the party's praises.

So great has it been that India's reigning film pin-up queen, Sridevi, came and went almost unnoticed as she campaigned for her father, a Congress candidate.

But the movie-dominated campaign masks a deadly serious business, both for Rajiv and his opponents on the national stage who are trying to unite to topple him in general elections due by the end of the year.

For Rajiv, whose government has been rocked by bribery scandals and whose party suffered serious reverses in by-elections last June, the Tamil Nadu poll is a crucial test of his vote-getting ability.

For the nascent national opposition, the election is a chance to get a grip through regional allies on the state's 35 million voters.

## MNLF steps up separatist campaign

## Filipino Muslims seek OIC seat

MANILA, Jan 20, (Reuter): Muslim separatist rebels in the Philippines said yesterday they intended to press for full membership of the Organisation of Islamic Conference when it meets in Riyadh in March and were confident of success.

"We are very optimistic now," Datu Ibrahim Rey Uy told a Manila news conference. "In the last conference we conducted a consensus vote ... we garnered 33 votes in our favour."

Uy, one of four members of the Moro National Liberation Front at the news conference, said membership was on the agenda for the March 13-16 meeting of the 46-country OIC.

OIC membership would amount to virtual recognition of independence for the southern areas of the mainly-Roman Catholic Philippines where the rebels operate and would "give us elbow in our bid for member-

ship of the United Nations," Uy said.

The front, which claims 25,000 armed rebels, is the largest of three Muslim separatist groups and has been pressing since 1972 for Islamic self-rule in the south. It now has permanent observer status with the OIC.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus is scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia next month in an apparent move to blunt the front's campaign for full membership of the OIC, and diplomats said Riyadh may help block the front bid.

Front chairman Nur Misuari said in a telephone interview from Jeddah on Wednesday the front-wanted membership of the OIC but would seek the advice of the conference before formally applying.

At last year's OIC meeting in Amman, the front membership bid was not taken up after

President Corazon Aquino requested that a decision be withheld pending her government's implementation of the Tripoli Agreement.

That accord, signed in Libya in 1975, grants autonomy to 13 Muslim provinces in the south.

The Philippine Congress is now considering legislation giving semi-autonomy to Muslim areas in the south.

More than 50,000 people were killed in the 1970s in fighting between government troops and Muslim separatists in Mindanao, the country's second largest island and homeland to the Muslim minority. A ceasefire was declared in 1987.

**Another train crash averted in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, Jan 20, (Reuter): Bangladesh saved two station masters today after two trains screeched to a nose-to-nose halt only 500 metres from the spot where 135 people died in the country's worst rail disaster a few days earlier.

Screaming passengers alerted drivers to the danger as the trains raced towards each other on the single-track line at Pubail, 15 miles (24 km) from Dhaka.

Angry passengers, joined by hundreds of villagers, ringed the stationary trains but the drivers and other crew managed to flee, witnesses said.

"Two station masters have been suspended and several others are being questioned for putting up wrong signals," a Communications Ministry official told reporters.

The government has asked survivors of Sunday's accident, in which nearly 1,000 people were injured, to submit evidence to a railway inquiry commission.

## Search stalled

BRUSSELS, Jan 20, (Reuter): Belgian police said today their six-day hunt for kidnapped former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants was stalled and that he might be dead.

"I appeal again for the kidnappers to give a sign that they really have him," chief investigator Andre Vandoren said.

Khalil said gathering a large

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Air accidents

LONDON, Jan 20, (KUNA): The number of world airline accidents in 1988 was far higher than usual, and the highest-ever number of people died in attacks on civil airlines, a survey here

## Arab envoys discuss ways to end crisis in Lebanon

Emirates, Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Algeria and Tunisia.

An official at the Kuwaiti Embassy said the two envoys might leave for Beirut tonight.

Sheikh Sabah said in Kuwait on Wednesday the envoys would meet Selim Hoss, acting Prime Minister of Lebanon's Muslim-led caretaker government, General Michel Aoun, who heads the rival interim Christian administration, and parliamentary Speaker Hussein Hussein.

**Meeting**

In Washington top officials at the State Department, responsible for the Lebanese conflict, have concluded two-days of closed meetings aimed at adopting some unified recommendations for breaking the political deadlock in that war-torn country.

State Department officials said the meeting was arranged in order to finalise recommendations on Lebanon that will be handed over to the new Bush administration when it takes over on the reins of power.

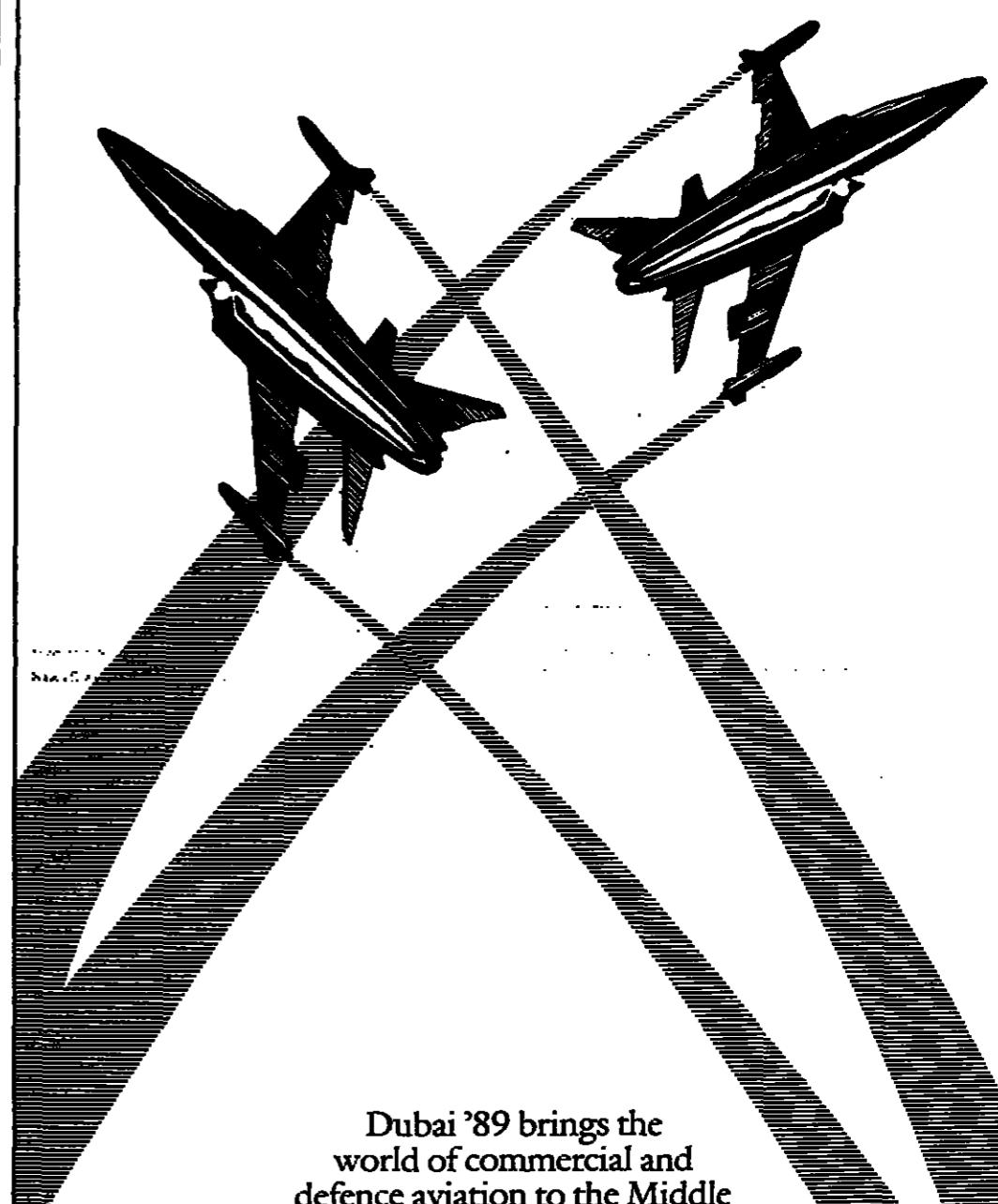
The meeting was headed by Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, Richard Murphy, who will be leaving the department today.

Meanwhile Syrian troops halted overnight clashes between Shiites in Beirut amid reports that Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati will visit Syria in a fresh effort to end Lebanon's inter-Shiite battles.

Military sources said today Syrian troops, who deployed in Beirut's southern suburbs last year, intervened to end rocket and machine-gun fire between Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah last night.

The clashes broke an undeclared truce that began last Saturday when Shiite religious leaders started peace talks.

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## Mixed reactions to new labour law

Ibrahim Al Mudhaf, acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, has expressed support for the new labour law which was recently issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

He said that the new labour law protects firm owners from constant manpower infiltration.

The new law, he added, was unlikely to give firm owners the opportunity to exploit their employees as a written contract between the employer and his employee protects the rights of both sides, thereby preventing exploitation.

### Encouragement

Mudhaf welcomed the decision which gives nationals priority of employment in the private sector and urges firm owners to encourage them to join the private sector. He called on firm owners to maintain and protect the work rights of nationals.

The official felt that employing national manpower is much better than importing, which usually has many negative effects on society.

Yousef Al Attiqi, Assistant Undersecretary for Service Affairs at the Ministry of Health said that company and hotel labour service problems must be solved, adding that it was illogical to dispense with trained workers.

### Transfer

He pointed out that new regulations will restrict business movement, and the obligation of an employer to sponsor the employee for three years with no transferable visa, opposes the rationalisation policy. A new system should be utilised to permit companies to transfer their workers to another company.

The official added that some companies were suffering a workforce inflation, while others face shortages and are therefore forced to hire local manpower from other companies.

He declared that the new labour law will be a burden to the Immigration Department and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

He felt that giving priority to national manpower in the private sector is premature and needs a long-term strategy, as GCC citizens lack technical experience. Systems should be utilised to prevent expansion of job opportunities in the public sector, he said.

Dr Wadad Al Swaidi, Technical Consultant and Director of the Minister of Municipal Affairs Technical Office, said that a three year period for a transferable visa is a long time and in the long run, the implementation of the new labour law will show negative effects.

Adel Al Baghli, a firm owner said that the new law will create problems for employers since the hiring of nationals will mean that salaries will have to be raised. Most companies seek cheap labour, and with the current economic conditions, an increase in salaries will create hardship.

## Training courses for diplomats concluded

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (KUNA): Under the auspices of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the Foreign Ministry Thursday celebrated the conclusion of two courses designed for a number of new diplomats.

Sheikh Sabah deputised the ministry's Undersecretary Suliman Al Shahin who con-

gratulated the new diplomats on successfully passing the two courses on the art of negotiations and other diplomatic skills.

Shahin handed the new diplomats certificates of success in the two courses prepared by the Director of Training and Development Bureau, Fadwa Al Ghani, within the ministry's annual training programme.

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## UN envoy Jan Eliasson to start new peace drive

## Iraqi foreign minister accuses Iran of blocking peace talks

BAGHDAD, Jan 20, (Agencies): Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz accused Iran of blocking peace talks in the Gulf war but said he was optimistic that a special United Nations envoy could get the negotiations going again.

Aziz said yesterday that Iran's tactics so far had failed to break the stalemate in the peace talks and would not lead to a lasting peace.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is sending Swedish UN Ambassador Jan Eliasson to Tehran and Baghdad next week in a bid to persuade the two sides to show more flexibility.

"They (the UN secretary-general and his envoy) are bound to put things in their correct place, and make the Iranian side come to the negotiations with a practical approach for durable and comprehensive peace," Aziz said.

### Consultation

Aziz said Eliasson would arrive in Iran on Jan 23 and Iraq Jan 27 to explore new ideas for resuming the UN-sponsored peace talks. He added that Eliasson will then consult with the UN secretary-general to fix a date for talks to restart.

Almost eight years of war stopped on Aug 20 when both Iran and Iraq accepted a UN-mediated ceasefire, but peace talks in Geneva broke down five days later.

Two more rounds of talks failed to resolve the deadlock over troop withdrawals to pre-war borders.

A total of 155 Iraqi and 56 Iranian POWs were exchanged at that time.

Iraqi President Saddam Hus-



Jan Eliasson ... fresh bid

sein last week announced that Iraq would repatriate another 200 sick and wounded Iranian POWs as a humanitarian gesture.

Diplomats at the UN have said they expected little progress in the Iran-Iraq peace talks when Jan Eliasson visits the region next week, but hoped the return of sick and injured prisoners of war will resume.

UN officials and diplomats, speaking on condition of not being identified, did not foresee the likelihood of Tehran or Baghdad budging from those positions, but said progress was possible on the exchange of sick or injured prisoners and other technical "confidence-building measures."

A UN official said Iran and Iraq appear ready to initiate direct contacts between their military officers to work out their frequent complaints about technical violations of the ceasefire and other military matters.

### Progress

"We hope to achieve movement, some sense of progress," he said.

He also hoped for progress on the substantial issues, including the impasse over the blocked Shatt Al Arab waterway between Iran and Iraq, but could not foresee progress in the next round of indirect talks.

The Shatt Al Arab is Iraq's only deep-water access to the Gulf. Iran has several ports along the coast as well.

Iraq has suggested that the UN oversee the dredging of the waterway, now blocked by the accumulation of silt and sunken ships.

Iraqi President Saddam Hus-

sein has refused to co-operate with the plan unless Iraq recognises the 1975 Algiers treaty. Iraq has said another accord could be worked out under which the two nations would share the use of the Shatt.

Earlier this month Iraq's parliament approved funds to dredge a new deep-water port west of the Shatt Al Arab.

Meanwhile the International Committee of the Red Cross has said it would repatriate, next week, 255 Iranian prisoners of war, Iraq has offered to release.

An ICRC spokeswoman said the 255 sick or wounded POWs were being interviewed by Red Cross officials to determine whether they wanted to return home.

### Release

They would be flown to Tehran next Monday and Tuesday on two flights operated by Balair, a chartered airline owned by Swissair.

Iraqi President Saddam Hus-

sein promised to release the

POWs after a conference of

Muslim clerics in Baghdad called

for it as a peace gesture.

So far the Iranian side has not responded to the goodwill move by ordering a similar release, although ICRC officials are believed to have contacted Tehran to see if any reciprocal action could be expected.

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## TV CORNER

## Choice of the week

**KRAMER VS KRAMER:** (KTV 2, 10 pm, Wednesday): The 1982 smash hit that garnered several Oscars including Best Picture, Best Actor (Dustin Hoffman) and Best Supporting Actress (Meryl Streep). Director Robert Benton has astutely adapted Avery Corman's novel about an advertising man who discovers what

child raising means after his wife leaves them. Benton's style is direct, fluid and precise. Hoffman gives one of his finest performances; equally extraordinary are the performances of the son, played by Justin Henry, and the wife (Meryl Streep). The film has problems resolving the plot, but its character truths are persuasive. Duration: 105 minutes.

**THE MAN WHO LIVED AT THE RITZ:** (Sunday, 10.30 pm): The concluding part of the Best-Seller, based on a classic novel by A.E. Hotchner. Set in Nazi occupied Paris during World War II against the backdrop of the Ritz Hotel, it tells the personal and moral dilemma faced by Philip Webster, an American who lives at the Ritz, and realises that life is only worth living if you are willing to die for it. The star cast includes Perry King, Leslie Caron, David McCallum. Directed by British award-winning director Desmond Davis.



Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep and Justin Henry star in Kramer vs Kramer, Wednesday.

## This week on KTV 2



Perry King (left) plays the title role of The Man Who Lived at the Ritz, Sunday's Best-Seller.

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial

6.30 The Owl: a documentary for young viewers. Tonight, the children visit a space centre and learn about telescopes.

7.00 Scientific Eye: "Force and Friction".

7.30 The Pursuit of Happiness: "Put to the Test". Dave disregards rules and finds himself in a lot of trouble.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Call Me Mister: Sir Jack is hired to investigate the case of a woman who is in a mental hospital

9.40 Dive to Adventure: "Bahamas".

10.00 What's Happening Now: "Deep." James is not too happy about Dee's relationship with his friend.

10.30 Best-Seller: "The Man Who Lived at the Ritz". Part 2. Perry King plays Philip Webster, an American, who helps the French resistance movement during the German occupation of Paris. Also starring Cherie Lunghi, Leslie Caron, David McCallum, David Robb and Joe Actland. Based on the classic novel by A.E. Hotchner.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

**MONDAY**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon serial

6.30 Chocky's Children: based on characters created by John Wyndham

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of news and views

7.30 Perspective: Nature's A look at forests.

8.00 News in English

8.40 A Different World: "Those Who Can't..." The girls in the dorm want to make an example of a girl who climbs over a wall.

9.30 Rediscovery of the World: a trip to Haiti

10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "13th Floor."

A real-estate is told not to demolish a building

10.30 Prestige: the first story is about a girl who seeks help of a magician to realise her wishes; the second tells the story of a naughty boy who is rewarded for doing a good deed.

11.30 NewsSummary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

**TUESDAY**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Noveltoons: cartoon serial

6.30 Fire Raiser: the children help the police to find clues to a murder.

7.00 Footsteps: explores the civilisation of the Incas in Peru

8.00 News in English

8.40 A Year in the Life: starring Richard Kiley

9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before it catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series

10.10 Bustin' Loose: Mimi is tired of household chores and asks the children to help her out.

11.30 The Charming: "I'll be Seeing You." Bowes murdered and the killer is on the run. Starring William Conrad and Joe E. Penny

11.30 News Summary/followed by Magazine D'Actualite/ Close-down

**WEDNESDAY**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Transformers: cartoon serial

6.30 Al Ameen Pharmacy

Bebehani Bldg. Jaber Al Mubarak St.

Al Kawther Pharmacy

Abdullah Al Mubarak St.

Hawalli and Nagra

Al Qatami Pharmacy

Beirut St.

Salamiya and Ronnaithaya

Razan Pharmacy

Rasheed St.

Fahaseel and Ahmad

Al Badiya Pharmacy

Dabbous St. Fheel

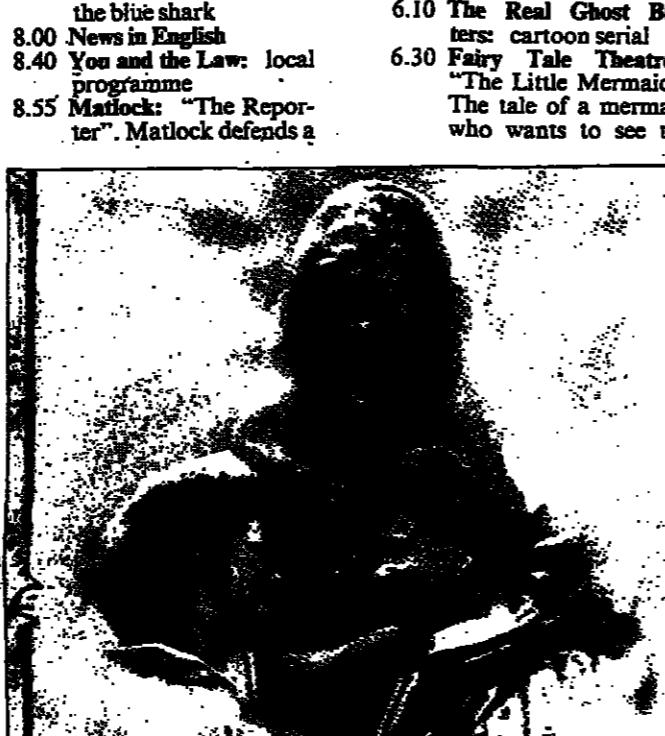
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Main St.

Al Ameen Pharmacy

Badr Al Sumait Bldg.

Area 4



There is comedy with The Charmings, on Friday night.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Al Ameen Pharmacy  
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Al Kawther Pharmacy  
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## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars  
Starring: Jackie Chan  
**Al Salimi**  
Supergirl (Malayalam)  
Al Jaiya  
Count of Monte Cristo  
Granada  
Three Musketeers  
Salahikat  
Dragon Force  
Al Jeeb  
Adholokam (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
A Night in the Town

**PRAYERS**

Fajr	5.19 am
Zuhra	12.00
Asr	2.57 pm
Maghreb	5.17
Isha	6.37



● A group of 15 Chinese artists including dancers, magicians and acrobats will take part in the Chinese Festival at the Kuwait International Hotel. The festival gala will be held at the Fallaka Restaurant on Jan 25, followed by a regular à la carte menu with a selection of Chinese dishes. A Chinese food corner will also be open at La Palma from Jan 22 to 31. Above: some Chinese dancers at a press preview.

## IAC Drama Competition

IAC will hold an one-act-play competition in the first half of May. All Indian groups can enter the competition. For details call 3904817 after 6.30 pm; Sharma — 2644863; Raman — 3903879.

## CINEMA

Children's film  
JAN 25 (6 pm), Jan 26 (10.30 am): Robin Hood is the title of a film which will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya.

The animals tell their version of what really happened in Sherwood Forest, as the tale of the legendary English hero and his followers unfolds in this Walt Disney film. Duration: 80 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

## MUSIC

Dhanak  
FEB 3: The musical groups Funkada and Saaz aur Awaz will present a musical evening

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Imraa Fi Duwamah: Arabic serial; Part 6. Starring: Aida Abdul Aziz, Salah Zulfiqar, Tayseer Fahmi, Mohsin Sarhan

10.50 News Summary/Good Morning

11.00 Saghir Al Hayat: local Arabic serial; Zainab Al Dahi, Hind Kamel, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Sayyed Essa

12.00 Gulf Cuisine

1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran

4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Cartoon serial

5.15 Fanan Saghir: Young Artists

5.45 Nazrat Al Al: cultural programme

6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial

7.00 News Summary

7.15 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir

7.50 Security and Citizens

8.30 Good Evening

9.50 Daerat Al Ahdath: Circle of Events, presented by Kamel Abdul Jalil

11.30 Imraa Min Al Maadi: Arabic play, starring



The family of Our House weathers another crisis, on KTV 2 tonight.

Afaf Shuaib, Majdi Wahba, Raghda

12.30 News Summary

12.35 World News via Satellite

1.00 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Duck Tales: cartoon serial

6.30 Scheme of Things: "Fireworks in the Sky." A look at how fireworks are made.

7.00 Sea Urchins: Gabriella and Tina escape from their pursuers and seek refuge in an abandoned factory

7.30 Throb: Sandy decides to join the birthday party to cheer up a colleague at

the record company

8.00 News in English

8.40 Our House: the family cope with another crisis: a stolen car.

9.30 Horizon: "Purple Warrior." Part One. A field report on rules for co-ordinating war efforts.

10.30 Made-for-TV movie: "Dangerous Affection." Action and intrigue form the theme of tonight's movie.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0000 World News

30 Personal View

45 Recording of the Week

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook

25 Financial News

30 Classical Record Review

45 Book Choice

50 News Ideas

0200 World News

05 British Press Review

15 Network UK

45 From Old-Time to New Country

1400 News Summary followed by The Ken Bruce Show

20 Sports Roundup

1500 News

15 Sportsworld contd

1600 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Sportsworld contd

1700 1-minute News Summary followed by Sportsworld contd

1800 News Roundup

1900 News

2000 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: 14th The Tempest; 21st The Lovers of Viorne; 28th The Countess Cathleen

2000 World News

09 From Our Own Correspondent

25 Words of Faith

30 Meridian

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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

LET us be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with—Artemus Ward, US revolutionary commander (1727-1800).

## Chemical weapons

## Imposition of total ban is difficult

By Bryan Brumley

WASHINGTON, (AP): The dispute over a Libyan plant that has surfaced underscores the difficulty of President George Bush's desire to ban all chemical weapons, national security experts say.

A conference of 149 nations, meeting last week in Paris, endorsed a US proposal to reaffirm a 1925 Geneva protocol against the use and spread of chemical weapons.

That declaration will not ban chemical weapons, but was expected to give new impetus to long-stalled negotiations in Geneva on a proposal put forward in 1984 by Vice-President George Bush for banning chemical weapons outright and requiring nations that have them to destroy their stockpiles.

Bush, who succeeded Ronald Reagan on Friday, has expressed a wish to be remembered as the president under whom chemical weapons were eliminated.

Lieut. Gen. Colin Powell, Reagan's national security adviser, is among those who say it would be hard to verify compliance with a ban on their production, and even harder to verify their total destruction.

## Problem

"The problem we have is that nobody has yet determined how to do it in an effectively verifiable way, because chemical weapons can be made in just about any kind of chemical plant," Powell said in an interview broadcast over the weekend on the syndicated television programme, "John McLaughlin's One on One."

"And you can turn it back into an aspirin plant or a fertilizer plant with a few hours notice," Powell said. "It's very troubling."

The Paris conference gained publicity—and momentum—because of US charges that Libya was building a chemical weapons plant at Rabta, 35 miles (56 km) from Tripoli. Libyan leader Col Muammar Khaddafi says the plant would make pharmaceuticals.

A former US diplomat with long-experience in chemical weapons negotiations, Charles Flawer, recently disputed Powell's pessimistic view, arguing that any factory large enough to make a significant amount of chemical weapons could be detected by American

## Premadasa assures protection

## Guns and phone for election candidates

By Hugh Palm

COLOMBO, (Reuter): Every candidate in next month's Sri Lankan general election is being allotted a temporary telephone and two pistols.

The government's offer to the 1,393 hopefuls contesting the 225 parliamentary seats reflects the disrupted communications and the tense security situation in the Indian Ocean island after five years of Tamil unrest in the north and east and 18 months of Sinhalese backlash in the south.

All Tamil parties except the die-hard Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) have now forsaken violence and will contest the Feb 15 polls, and their candidates, disarmed by security forces last year, will ironically be among those given revolvers by the government they fought.

## Boycott

But the LTTE has called on Tamils to boycott the election, and military sources in the south say the Marxist People's Liberation Front (JVP) plans to disrupt the polls.

Executive President Ranasinghe Premadasa has assured all candidates of police protection, but less than two weeks after nominations closed, four candidates have already been killed along with at least seven party activists.

Premadasa, fresh from his election as head of state last month, is confident of triumphing again and has asked voters to give his United National Party (UNP) a two-thirds majority in parliament to enable him to push through major changes.

His main opponent Sirima Bandaranaike believes the executive presidency puts too much power in the hands of one person and wants to return to the

intelligence.

"Clandestine manufacture is difficult to imagine," said Flawer, who in 1977-79 directed the International Relations Division of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Frank Gaffney, deputy assistant secretary of defence in the first Reagan administration, said the dispute over the Libyan plant illustrates the problems of verifying a ban on chemical weapons.

"While the Libyan plant is a dedicated chemical weapon facility, Khaddafi's protestations that it is a pharmaceutical complex nicely illustrates the problem: essentially any facility that actually is meant for production of civilian chemical products... has the inherent ability to produce toxic chemicals agents for weapons."

Although about 15 countries are thought to have chemical weapons, only two nations acknowledge it, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Stockpile

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has announced that his nation would begin destroying stockpiles of chemical weapons, which he and other Soviet officials have said totalled 50,000 tons.

But on Dec 2, 1988, the Reagan administration challenged those figures. Although US officials have not disclosed their own estimates, outside experts have cited figures as high as 300,000 tons.

The United States did not produce chemical weapons from 1969 until 1987, when the Army, with the approval of Congress, began to manufacture binary weapons, which become lethal when two otherwise nontoxic chemicals are combined, forming a lethal charge.

Desertroy

The Army is destroying its stocks of old single-substance chemical weapons, and although the US officials have not disclosed the extent of the stockpile, outside experts estimate it to be about 30,000 tons of chemical agents. The chemicals, plus the artillery shells to deliver them, would weigh several times more.

Besides the United States and the Soviet Union, more than a dozen other nations are thought to have chemical weapons, said Elisa Harris, a scholar at the Brookings Institution who carefully tracks the issue.

## Bush's stars

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuter): Nancy Reagan's favorite astrologer has some advice for George Bush: beware the sun in Gemini, and never leave home without the Secret Service.

Joan Quigley, a San Francisco astrologer, Mrs. Reagan consulted from the White House, gave a detailed reading of the new President's chart in an article published in the Washington Post.

She said the stars show Bush could face an assassination attempt before the campaign got under way.

Poverty and security, not constitutional or party issues, are certain to dominate the campaign.

With some seven million of Sri Lanka's 16 million people living below the poverty line, Premadasa has set out an ambitious programme to provide up to 1.5 million destitute families with a monthly stipend of Rs 2,500.

Naturally enough this is a popular scheme which may have helped him win the presidency and could also enable the UNP, which has ruled since 1977, to retain power next month.

## Deficits

The money will not start to flow until April, but this could be an advantage as the programme is bound to disappoint some people hoping for a free ride, although the UNP has made it clear it is "not relief or a handout or a gimmick or a subsidy" but development aid to help people help themselves.

Less clear is how it will be paid for in a country with heavy budget and payments deficits, an inflation rate above 15 per cent and an economy whose mainstays of tea, rubber, coconut products and tourism have all suffered because of the unrest.

## Para-military parades in defiance of Israel

## Palestinian 'popular army' on the march in West Bank

By Paul Taylor

NABLUS, West Bank, (Reuter): Armed with knives, swords and hatchets, their faces masked by chequered headresses, the future soldiers of Palestine are on the march.

Activists spearheading a year-old uprising against Israeli occupation have taken to staging para-military parades in defiance of the Army in Nablus' old city and in some remote West Bank villages.

Nationalist leaders say the self-styled Palestine Popular Army is so far more for show than for fighting.

"We hope some day it may be the nucleus of a liberation army but this is a dream," says Nablus businessman said Kenaan, a prominent PLO supporter. "For now it's mainly for propaganda. It raises the morale of the people."

Israeli defence officials say the force's main purpose is to terrorise fellow Palestinians into obeying the dictates of the clandestine

unified leadership of the uprising, backed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

It began last August when hundreds of youths in keffiyeh headresses, their clothes covered in black plastic garbage bags, staged a ramshackle march with outlawed Palestinian flags through the Nablus casbah (market).

"It was a really emotional experience to see young people carrying our national colours. People wept in the street," said Umm Jawad, 60, a mother of seven.

Gradually the force assumed real power in the alleys of the casbah, where Israeli soldiers are vulnerable to ambushes from Palestinian militants on rooftops, in doorways and around every corner.

The "Army" grew out of the so-called shock committees or striking forces which enforce strikes, clash with troops, attack Arabs accused of collaborating with Israeli secret police and implement orders of clandestine

local popular committees.

"The army is made up of elite guys from the strike forces, whose main job is internal discipline. The army also has a duty of resistance," said Ibrahim, one of its organisers in Nablus.

Tax

Residents say it levies its own "revolutionary" tax of \$25 a month from merchants in exchange for protection from Israeli tax collectors, who are often accompanied by troops.

Twice recently when the Israelis staged tax raids, gangs of young militants rushed into the streets and began stoning the military escort, forcing the officials to retreat.

The Nablus "army" has banned the sale of alcohol and drugs in the casbah and helps run a popular justice system that deals with alleged collaborators, thieves, moral delinquents and civil disputes.

Several accused collaborators have been stabbed or beaten to death in Nablus.

The popular courts have filled

a gap left when hundreds of Palestinian policemen resigned from the Israeli police force on orders from the uprising leadership last year, leaving no one to deal with crime and family disputes.

The "army" has also cracked down on prostitution and gambling residents say.

Palestinians involved in the system say respected older nationalist figures serve on panels of three judges.

Beat

Young "soldiers" conduct interrogations, in some cases beat suspects and warn offenders to mend their ways, Ibrahim said.

Sanctions range from private warnings, to public warnings in leaflets and graffiti, to a whole range of physical punishments against individuals or their property, such as burning the cars or stores of serious offenders," he said.

Nowadays the Nablus "army" sports military-style uniforms, boots and insignia, with units of 15 to 20 "shebab" (youths) mar-

ching behind a commander.

In the village of Yatta, near Hebron, a Reuter reporter witnessed one such unit using walkie-talkies to co-ordinate a clash with troops in October.

Israeli troops this month found bundles of black uniforms, swords and flags in a raid on an old bath-house in the casbah, local residents reported.

One day last week, a group of three masked Palestinians in red and green track-suit uniforms—one carrying a megaphone, one an iron bar and one a Palestinian flag—stopped on corners to read the latest proclamations of the local popular committee.

"Cars must not be parked in the casbah. All stalls must be off the streets by 12 noon to respect the commercial strike," the megaphone man barked.

Most shopkeepers walked on in seeming indifference, apparently no longer surprised by the sight.

"Some of the early parades appeared to be staged partly for the benefit of foreign photographers and television crews.

The Israeli Army was so angry at the filming by French television of a march on the day PLO leaders declared a Palestinian state last November that it blew up the home of an Arab accused of organising the event. He has not been tried or convicted of any offence.

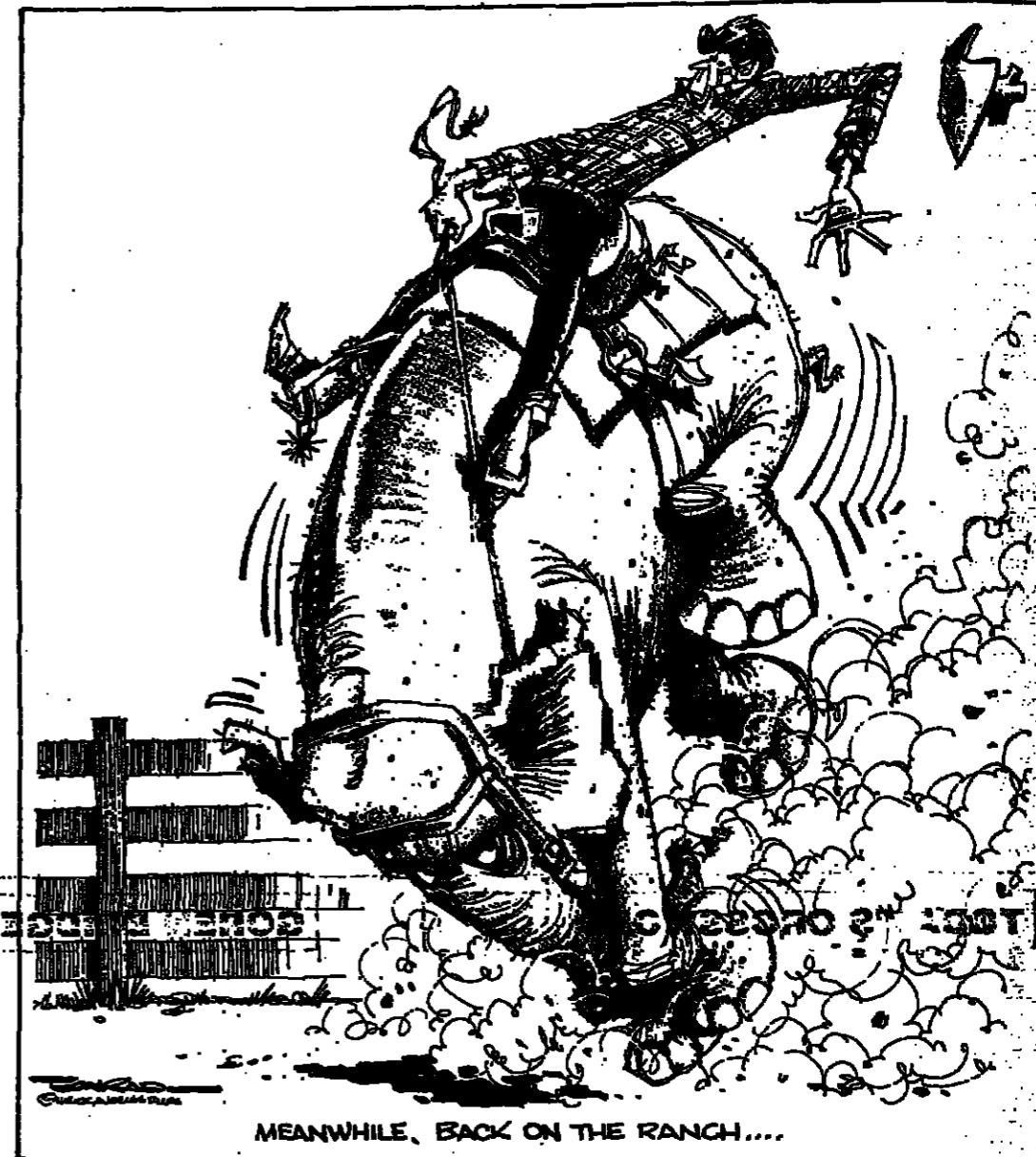
Firearms

The popular army does not carry firearms and has not sought mass confrontations with Israeli troops.

Palestine Liberation Organisation leaders say they have placed the "army" under the command of Force 17, a commando force which began as Yasser Arafat's bodyguard.

But while some Palestinians say the West Bank force receives orders from outside, many say it is a much more local, patchy organisation with no central command.

"We're talking about something very fragmentary. We shouldn't exaggerate their role," said Bir Zeit University political scientist Ziad Abu Amer.



MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE RANCH....

By Jim Anderson

WASHINGTON, (UPI): After 6 1/2 years, millions of miles flown and three resignation letters, George Shultz walked out of the State Department for the last time Thursday with tears in his eyes and an arm around his beloved wife.

Shultz—who was awarded the Freedom Medal, the nation's highest civilian decoration earlier in the day by President Reagan—was applauded by some 1,000 State Department employees, some of them weeping openly.

He walked down the marble stairs with his arm around his wife, Obie. Shultz appeared unable to speak for several minutes as his eyes filled with tears. Applause echoed through the huge lobby and a small Marine band played the Marine hymn.

Finally, Shultz, his arm still around his wife, said: "We came as a package deal and we leave as a package."

He said: "There's a wonderful group of people here—able, energetic, hard-working and patriotic. You just knocked yourself out."

His voice breaking slightly, Shultz concluded: "We thank you very much."

Embraced

As Shultz walked through the crowd to the glass doors, he embraced several women whose faces were covered with tears and turned and waved one last time as he climbed into his black limousine. The Marine band broke into "California, Here I Come."

As employees returned to their offices, the building's speaker system broadcast the sound of a tolling bell.

Shultz and his wife are scheduled to take a commercial flight to California on Friday, where he will take a faculty position at Stanford University and become a senior fellow of the Hoover Institute at Palo Alto.

His successor, James Baker, who was recommended for confirmation by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Thursday by a unanimous vote, cannot be sworn in until the full Senate confirms him, most likely on Jan 25. Meanwhile, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Michael Armacost is acting

secretary of state.

Shultz was named secretary of state in July 1982, ending a tumultuous 18 months of Alexander Haig's tenure as America's chief diplomat. Haig was fired after a series of running battles with White House staff members, including Baker, and his inability to deal effectively with the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

In the following years, Shultz tendered his resignation three times—when national security officials made a trip to the Middle East without his knowledge, to protest mandatory lie detector tests imposed by Attorney General Edwin Meese and when a White House staff member refused him permission to fly to the Middle East aboard a US Air Force plane.

Each time, the resignation was rejected by President Reagan.

Once the airplane problem was resolved to his satisfaction, Shultz flew more than a million

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1606—England's parliament imposes severe penalties against Roman Catholics.
- 1732—Russia gives up claims to certain Persian territories by treaty of Rischa.
- 1793—France's King Louis XVI is beheaded.
- 1919—Sinn Fein congress in Dublin, Ireland, adopts declaration of independence.
- 1924—First Nationalist Chinese Congress at Canton admits communists and welcomes Russian advisors.
- 1942—German forces launch new offensive in western African desert in World War II.
- 1949—Chiang Kai-Shek resigns China presidency following Nationalist Party reversals.
- 1954—First atomic submarine, USS Nautilus, is launched in United States.
- 1968—Britain draws up plans to withdraw its troops from Far East and Gulf.
- 1970—France's sale of Mirage jet planes to Libya is announced; Iraq fails attempt to overthrow its government and promptly executes 12 men.
- 1974—United States rejects South Vietnam's request for naval support in fighting with Chinese for Paracel Islands.
- 1980—Auto packed with explosives blows up near office of President Amin Gemayel's Phalange Party in east Beirut, Lebanon, killing 22 people and wounding 102.
- 1988—Dozens of Palestinian men emerge from Beirut's war-ravaged refugee camps for the first time in nearly three years, a day after Shiite Muslim militiamen lift a 32-month-old siege.

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T'Pau's Carol Decker reveals her secrets

# A burning desire to be different

FIERY rockstar Carol Decker of the group T'Pau has wowed audiences with her latest raunchy single *Sex Talk*.

But male fans will be disappointed. For the sexy singer-songwriter has revealed in a frank interview that what really turns her on is being on stage.

Relaxing in her dressing room before being summoned for a sound check, she confides: "I get my sexiness from the buzz of being famous."

"When I'm on stage it's something else. It's exciting, thrilling — and very, very hard work. I really get off on that."

When I met the lisson singer she was preparing for a gig at Telford Ice Rink, near her native Wellington, in Shropshire.

Dressed in black, Carol, with her tumbling red locks, looks every inch the superstar. She has almost reached the end of her fifth British tour, but the pint-sized dynamo with the powerful voice still exudes the same bubbling enthusiasm for performing as she did at the start.

Hanging on the back wall of her small dressing-room are three provocative outfits for that night's show, and in the far corner a table piled high with food and drink. Carol is now used to star treatment, and these days it's usually champagne and caviar in top hotels with room service.

## Glitz

A small dressing-room at Telford Ice Rink is not quite a room at the Ritz, nor is it a glitzy restaurant in Paris, but it is a world away from the dives she became used to when T'Pau first hit the road in 1986. It also symbolises closeness to home for Carol who misses her family and friends enormously.

She explains: "Since we began touring I've hardly seen my old friends and family. It's just not possible when you're on the road or in the recording studio. They've got to come to me really, if they want to keep in touch."

Family means a lot to Carol, aged 30, but that does not mean she plans to set up one of her own with Ronnie Rogers, her boyfriend and lead guitarist of T'Pau.

She explains: "I've never given children a thought. I am just not maternal. I suppose I have about

Kids — she doesn't want them. What she does want is to take America by storm. For what really turns her on, she revealed to *Ktima Heathcote* in an exclusive interview, is to be up there on stage with the buzz of being famous.



Carol Decker and Ronnie Rogers, lead guitarist of T'Pau.

10 years to change my mind. We both love kids as long as they are other people's."

"Besides, we're really too busy with the band. It's taken over most of our lives and we're quite content to remain like this for the time being."

"The band is like a little family in itself, especially when we're on tour. There is a great camaraderie amongst us. We protect one another. The others, especially, protect me from a lot of things."

## Relationship

Like any family, T'Pau, whose name was inspired by the Vulcan High Priestess in *Star Trek*, have their squabbles too. "We have been together almost solidly for two years, so you're bound to get on top of each other a little bit."

"But when we do argue it's over silly, petty things," adds Carol. "Sometimes I can be a bitch, but the others realise you have to let off steam. I always apologise afterwards."

I pictured her picking up a plate of food and hurling it at my head before I asked her how touring has affected her relationship.

ship with Ronnie. There were a few seconds of stony silence, but then, thankfully, she smiled and said: "Oh, we've had our ups and downs like any normal couple. We're very happy and we get on well together, but we do have our rows. Yet I don't think touring is any more of a strain than ordinary life."

Carol does not consider being a woman in the fiercely competitive, hard-driven world of rock music is out of the ordinary either. She says: "The music industry attracts all sorts of weird and wonderful people on the fringes of society. I don't think women are any more of a minority group than a gender life."

"You don't have to be any more determined or any tougher than a man in this business, just peculiar."

And before I even had a chance to open my mouth, she adds: "Yes, I am peculiar. I'm a colour character and I suppose I'm a bit raunchy. I always have been."

Nursing a hangover while prancing about on stage is not unusual for Carol, the party animal, and definitely no cause

for cancelling a gig or recording session. A few hours before her first London concert this year, a cyst in her eye was lanced by a Harley Street doctor, but the show went on.

She even had flu and bronchitis in the first five weeks of her latest tour. But it seems nothing short of laryngitis, which forced her to cancel earlier this year, would actually make Carol grab the microphone and say "Sorry folks, the show's over."

## Entertaining

Carol says: "There are many times when obviously I don't feel like entertaining people. When I had the flu, I knew I wasn't hitting a few notes and it was very gruelling at times, but I didn't give up."

"I used to be paranoid about getting ill because it affects my livelihood but I've learned a lot about myself during this current tour. I know my limits now and I'm not so frightened about becoming ill. I'm not so neurotic about my health."

Flame-haired Carol, who was infamous rather than famous during her rebellious teenage years, seems to be mellowing — but only a little.

She is far more laid back these days, but underneath still lies a fiery temper. While discussing the difference between British and European audiences, her quotes about her hometown of Wellington being "boring" are thrust under her nose. She swears and then reveals that last time this happened she was swamped by hate mail.

Carol explains: "It's true that when I was younger I couldn't wait to get out of Wellington and see the rest of the world."

## Different

"To me it was boring then, but that doesn't mean to say the people who stay there are. It's just that I wanted to do something different."

Indeed, her desire to be different and her driving ambition to succeed has put her where she is today — at the top. It is hard to imagine that less than 18 months ago she was still playing in pubs and sleeping in the group's van. And before T'Pau, she was down on her luck and claiming unemployment money.



Carol Decker of T'Pau out of the ordinary

sold close on half-a-million copies. It has gone gold in many countries and platinum in others.

All five British concerts have been sell-outs and the band has also been a huge success in Europe. Not content to rest on their laurels, Carol and the band will go straight back into the recording studio after their brief

She says: "I never doubted my or Ronnie's talents but often doubted whether we would get the break. Sometimes I'd get so depressed because record companies would say they were interested and then change their minds."

## Concerts

Plans for a tour of Poland and Russia are also on the cards but their ultimate goal is to break into the American music scene. She explains: "Heart and Soul and was instant hit in the States but nothing else has really taken off. We would really like to get back there, so we can broaden our base."

"If you can establish yourself in the States, your popularity then spreads to Japan and Australia. You really get to stretch your talents as much as you can."

"America is a vast country and you really have to work hard out there. It will be a tremendous challenge when it comes."

And there is no doubt in Carol's mind that she will soon be up there at No. 1 in America, along with T'Pau.

With fire in her eyes she says: "I know what I want, and I know how to get it."

# Phil Collins moves to top spot on US charts

NEW YORK (AP): Phil Collins took his *Two Hearts* to the top of the US pop record charts in the United States. The Heart hit popped up from third on the previous chart.

Taylor Bayne's *Don't Rush* was in second place on the first Cash Box magazine chart of 1989, up from fifth. Def Leppard's *Armageddon* It jumped from sixth to third.

Every Rose has its Thorn by Poison dipped from number one to sixth, while My Prerogative by Bobby Brown tumbled from second to eighth.

New to 1989's first chart were I Remember Holding You by Boys' Club, up from 12th to 4th. Put a Little Love in Your Heart by Annie Lennox and Al Green, up from 13th to 5th. Born to be my Baby by Bon Jovi, up from 16th to 9th, and When I'm With You by Sheriff, up from 18th to 10th.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, Deeper than the Holler by Randy Travis took over the first Cash Box magazine chart for 1989. Highway 101's *All the Reasons Why* was second, and The Blue Side of Town by Patty Loveless was third.

## Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with previous positions in brackets:

1. (8) Deeper than the Holler — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).

2. (7) All the Reasons Why — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).

3. (5) The Blue Side of Town — Patty Loveless (MCA).

4. (6) She's Crazy for Leaving — Rodney Crowell (Columbia).

5. (13) Early in the Morning and Late at Night — Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).

6. (12) It's Always Gonna be Someday — Holly Dunn (MTM).

7. (9) Hold On (A Little Longer) — Steve Warner (MCA).

8. (10) Let's Get Started if we're gonna Break my Heart — The Statler Brothers (Mercury).

9. (14) Burnin' a Hole in my Heart — Skip Ewing (MCA).

10. (15) What I'd Say — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).

In London, Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan of the Australian soap opera *Neighbours* topped the British pop singles chart for the third straight week with *Especially for You*.

Crackers International by Erasure moved up one notch into second spot.

## Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in brackets:

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6. (7) Baby I Love Your Way — Will to Power (Epic).

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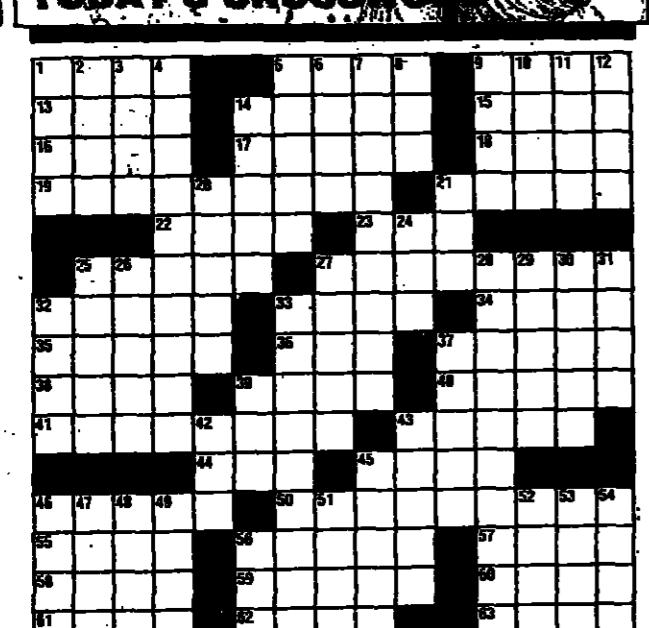
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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## GOREN BRIDGE

### BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

Both vulnerable. North deals.

#### NORTH

♦ A Q 7 2

♦ K Q

♦ 8 4 2

♦ A K Q 10

#### WEST

♦ 5 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♦ Q J 10 7

♦ J 9 8

#### EAST

♦ K

♦ A 10 8 7 3

♦ K 9 3

♦ 6 5 4 2

#### SOUTH

♦ J 10 9 8 6 4

♦ 5 2

♦ A 6 5

♦ 7 3

#### The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

spade suit couldn't tempt South to bid.

West led the queen of diamonds, and the play was over in two shakes of a puppy's tail. Declarer won the ace in hand, led the jack of spades and, when West played low, rose with dummy's ace. When that fetched the king, declarer drew the remaining trump, discarded two diamonds on clubs when the jack in that suit dropped, and conceded only one heart trick.

Now South was a good enough player to know that the percentage play holding ten cards in a suit, missing the king, is to take the finesse.

The answer is simple enough — had the spade finesse lost, declarer would have gone down. He would have had to surrender a spade trick, two diamonds and the ace of hearts.

Declarer was not really trying to drop the king of trumps — that was an added bonus. He was simply trying to extract two of the defenders' trumps before tackling clubs. As long as trumps were 2-1, the contract would then have been guaranteed as long as the club break was no worse than 3-2. Declarer would always be able to get rid of at least one diamond loser on a high club.

The auction was routine. North's jump to four spades was not pre-emptive, but showed a very strong hand. With only one ace and no king or queen, even the six-card

hand had the spade finesse lost, declarer would have gone down. He would have had to surrender a spade trick, two diamonds and the ace of hearts.

Modernisation, nostalgia are common themes

## Arab writers in search of wider audience

By Louis Werner

MOST people wishing to become acquainted with another country may find reading its literature more practical than making the actual journey. But when it comes to the Arab world, a trip to the Middle East may be far less exhausting than trying to find its translated novels and stories in the bookstore.

Modern Arabic literature was slow in getting onto bookshelves even in the Middle East. Caught between a classical heritage that lacked prose fiction genres and the strong influences of Europe, Arab writers had difficulty finding a native voice with contemporary relevance for their readers.

A people with a deep reverence for their religious texts, Arabs were unaccustomed to the idea that what was written could stem purely from man's invention. In some sense, an Arab audience for fiction also needed inventing. The post-war years have seen a great expansion of this audience. Literary magazines and inexpensive paperback novels are sold from street kiosks in every Middle Eastern city. All that remains is for Arab writers to reach more readers in the West.

Donald Herdeci intends to accelerate this process. His small publishing house, Three Continents Press, has expanded from its initial focus on African literature to include fiction and critical studies from the Middle East, Oceania, India, and the Caribbean. Currently, there are 42 titles on its Middle Eastern list.

## Image

Modernization and nostalgia are prominent themes. The confrontation of city and country values sets a pervasive mood of melancholy, the forces of change usually overwhelming the forces of tradition.

A recurrent image is urban penetration into rural life, as railroads and river ferries begin to stop in villages wanting to stay untouched. But, however bleak the prospects for retaining one's



Author Naguib Mahfouz, winner of the Nobel prize for literature.

His award has sparked an interest in Arab literature.

identity when facing the wrecking ball of modernization, there remains a minority view that the odds against cultural survival are not unbeatable.

The narrator looks on all this with dismay. He knew times would change but never thought his friends could be so transformed. At the end he is left with a greatly shaken certainty in the city itself.

But not all Arab writers seek fruitfully for pockets of strength and happiness. Whether in the country or in the capital, community survival is not always doomed. Tayeb Salih's novella "The Wedding of Zein," for instance, presents a view of rural life so resilient it seems capable of withstanding challenge from any quarter.

Zein is an ugly but loveable buffoon touched mysteriously

with God's grace. When his impending marriage to a beautiful girl is announced, the entire village is set astir. Salih weaves the story of Zein's life forward and backward, touching nearly everyone — elders with whom he constantly disputes over money, social outcasts he befriends, young men he rivals, and all the girls he pursues with mock expressions of love.

Notable episodes of local history, the kind recounted by storytellers to keep their village's memory alive, intermingles with personal memories best kept to oneself. All, however, touch one way or another on Zein; only through his odd behaviour has the village been able to form and maintain its own identity.

In the first chapter the boy naps in the monastery's archway and dreams of meeting its reclusive head sheikh, who teaches him a magic phrase. He thinks the invocation has a supernatural power capable of protecting him from harm. This uncertainty between the real and the imagined, the familiarity of his alley versus the mystery of the city and its cemetery, permeates the book.

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A loose plot centring on the narrator's coming of age is mixed with vignettes of his good and evil neighbours. The quarter's mysterious visitors, its gangsters and their street punks, loose women, and petty tradesmen all are portrayed in this gallery. Along with the boy, the reader spies on Islamic healing rituals for women, the scheming of underworld gangs, and the political rallies of the Egyptian independence movement.

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A loose plot centring on the

By David Holloway

BY THE time it comes to celebrate the centenary of most poets, they seem rather remote people whose work belongs mainly to past generations. T.S. Eliot, who was born on 26 September 1888 and died in 1965, is very much the exception. Today he remains a foremost modern poet and someone who's very much part of contemporary life.

A reason for this stems from an accident that Eliot, who was not blessed with a very strong sense of humour, might well have found baffling. It is the phenomenal success of the modern Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *Cats* based on the verses Eliot wrote during the 1930s in *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* to amuse the children of his fellow directors in the publishing firm, Faber & Faber. "Old Possum," incidentally, was the nickname that his fellow poet, Ezra Pound, coined for Eliot.

A more serious reason for his enduring place in literature is that he was probably the most important poet writing in English in the first half of the 20th century.

The adjective "important" is carefully chosen because it involves no value judgment. It could be argued that Yeats or Pound, Auden or William Carlos Williams were better poets, but none had so profound an effect on the poetry being written in his time.

It is often said that Cairo is a metropolis made up of villages. Mahfouz finds truth in that bit of wisdom.

Good Morning! and Other Stories  
by Yahya Haqqi  
Translated by Miriam Cooke, 117 pp. \$10.

The Wedding of Zein and Other Stories  
by Tayeb Salih  
Translated by Denis Johnson-Davies, 120 pp. \$7.

Fountain and Tomb  
by Naguib Mahfouz  
Translated by Soad Sobhi, Essam Fattooh, and James Kenessey, 120 pp. \$8.

All titles published by three Continents Press, 1636 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

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## A poet for all seasons



T.S. Eliot: enduring place in literature

work remained in print and brought before a wide public the work of people like W.H. Auden, Stephen Spender and Louis MacNeice.

It was not that he desired to be a leader; he certainly had no ambitions to be one and loathed the sort of poetical politics in which some cliques warred with others.

Sixty-five years ago when *The Waste Land*, surely Eliot's most enduring and seminal piece of

writing, was first published, the reading public would have been astonished that the shy young man who worked in a bank should become the best known poet of his age, the winner some 25 years later of the Nobel Prize for Literature, and a recipient of the highest honour, the British monarchy can bestow without a title — membership of the Order of Merit.

Some critics dismissed *The Waste Land* as "incomprehensible rubbish"; others were respectful though baffled. Indeed, even today, most people find this poetic sequence difficult but intensely stimulating in that it is open to so many interpretations.

Whenever he was asked what *The Waste Land* meant, Eliot would say that he did not know and that it meant whatever the individual reader thought it did. Certainly the most obvious interpretation and the one that was championed by his first admirers, the young men who had survived the horrors of World War I, is that Eliot had made himself the mouthpiece for all of those who found themselves disillusioned in the wake of "the war to end all wars."

Eliot, whether as a poet or a dramatist, never — certainly after his early success, *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* and *Gerusalemme* — yielded up his meanings easily. Indeed *Fear Quartets*, his last major work, must, for all the music of the words, remain one of the most difficult of all poetic sequences. That this should be so would not have worried him, although, almost certainly, he would have regarded this as his fault. He was always his own most severe critic and none of his work ever satisfied him.

## UK authors in uproar as Murdoch buys Collins



Rupert Murdoch: accused of making a quick buck

med after Murdoch first made a hostile bid on Nov 17.

Murdoch commented: "I am very much more interested in the 95 per cent of the authors who did not come out against the bid."

If writers did leave, "we will find that other authors will come to us because we will sell more books."

Chapman, 63, said he had received assurance of autonomy and editorial freedom for Collins.

The recommendation to shareholders to accept the deal came after directors rejected a previous

£294 million offer from Murdoch's News International.

Bryan Gould, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, wrote to Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, saying Murdoch's "increasingly dominant position in the British and international media industries" should be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

"This is a man who would put honking in the Bible if he thought there was a quick buck to be made," he added.

## Masterpiece in miniature

By Robert Fox

IRFAN ORGA's *Portrait of a Turkish Family* is the tale of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire narrated as domestic tragedy.

Orga was born to a wealthy bourgeois Istanbul family at the turn of the century, and through his eyes we see the destruction of his family, his home and his city, and the sultante and caliphate which framed all three, followed by the plainer style of the Kemalist Turkish state.

The book is a little masterpiece, told with the simplicity and sharpness of line of the miniatures that still adorn the Topkapi Palace; not the least of its pleasures is the writing, as elegant and linear as the finest Ottoman tulip pattern.

We open with scenes of domestic commerce such as the rites of circumcision and the journeys to the hamman (the bath) with the

autocratic grandmother to look over suitable matrimonial flesh for the male heirs of the family.

With the onset of war, the main protagonist of the drama emerges: the author's mother with whose madness and death the book ends. Married at 13, she faces less than 10 years later the loss of her home in one of the great fires of Istanbul and the death of her husband from disease on the way to fight in the Dardanelles; her brother-in-law is blinded in Syria and dies on the way home.

She goes to work in a war supply factory, discards her veil even before the Kemalist revolution, and signs away her two sons to a military orphanage and service for life in the army.

The rigours of such a training account for the coolness and restraint of the narrative, rendering its detail and drama the more vivid. Orga rose to be one of the

first pilots and commanders of Ataturk's Air Force.

He hardly mentions the Ghazi himself, though we are told how everyone loathed wearing bowlers after the fez was abolished. A postscript by his son, however, reveals that he was on intimate terms with the great man — even more so with his adopted daughter.

The chapters of aftermath by Ates Orga hold the hidden genius of this edition — for they show the story of the Orga family in an unexpectedly different perspective, not least in the revelations of his father's life in England and of how the book came to be written. The afterword virtually makes a new book of the original first published in 1950. I will not ruin the surprise effect by revealing the final twist to the plot.

Portrait of a Turkish Family. By Irfan Orga. £3.95.

## ANDY CAPP



By Smith

FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## SIGNIFICANCE OF DREAMS UNCLEAR

QUESTION: I don't dream very frequently, but my girlfriend does, almost all the time. She claims that her dreams can predict the future and takes them very seriously. Do dreams mean anything at all, and how can you tell?

ANSWER: Through the ages, the images seen in dreams have had almost a mystical attraction for many.

Sigmund Freud, the Austrian psychoanalyst, thought that dreams expressed the wishes and feelings of the unconscious mind and were frequently linked to sexual feelings. Carl Jung, a Swiss psychiatrist and a disciple of Freud's, disagreed and felt that dreams were the result of all the tensions, stresses and frustrations experienced by both the conscious and unconscious.

No one is sure just what dreams mean. I doubt that many scientists believe that they predict the future, and while most agree that there are some meanings hidden in our dreams, the exact significance and purpose of dreams is still unclear.

Many dreams seem to be built of a day's activities and pressure, while others take us back into experiences of the past. Some students of dream interpretation feel that problems may be solved in the world of sleep

or that dreams may set the mood for the next day's activity and actions.

Dreams will sometimes explain the cause of external noise and disturbances in a fanciful way, to help protect the sleeping mind from awakening. Some dreams, nightmares, are frightening and upsetting. Recurring, regular episodes of frightening dreams may affect our daytime activity to the point where professional help is indicated.

There is much debate about the symbolism in dreams and whether certain objects have specific meanings. Dreams only occur during the REM or rapid eye movement stage of sleep, which has led to the initiation of research into the biological and physiological as well as the psychological aspects of dreaming. Therefore, it may be awhile before I can answer your question as completely as we might both desire.

QUESTION: Although my wife believes that sinus trouble is very much like a common cold, I have always thought that it was a serious disease and that it can easily cause death. Can you offer us some insight?

ANSWER: There is a bit of truth in both

positions in this friendly family health discussion. While every common cold does not become a sinus infection, sinusitis is a com-

mon condition.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Good year is in store for both the economy and market

## Bulls stirring on Wall Street for first time since crash

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (AP): For the first time since the chilling collapse of October 1987, the stock market is showing signs of heating up again.

In yesterday's trading the rally in stock prices that began slowly nine weeks ago and intensified after New Year's closed in on a significant milestone.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials rose 0.36 points to 2,239.11, less than eight points shy of its closing level of 2,246.74 on Oct 16, 1987.

Should it close above that point, it will have recovered all the 508 points it lost on Black Monday, Oct 19 of that year.

"This rally is no flash in the pan," proclaimed William Lefevre, an analyst at Adwest Inc., in his latest market com-

mentary.

Given a rise in the Dow above 2,247, he said, "a whole new crop of converts from bear to bull will enter the market place with buy orders."

Not everyone on Wall Street is ready to go that far just yet. But most observers concede that stocks are starting to emerge from the long shadow cast by the crash.

Brokerage offices around the country report a smattering of phone calls from investors who shunned stocks all through 1988.

Professional money managers confess to worrying lately not about another bloodbath, but about missing out on a possible rise in the market.

In the chart-conscious world of investing, many eyes have long

been focussed on the open space between the lowest prices on Oct 16, 1987, and the highest ones recorded on the 19th.

When that gap was "filled in" this month as the market rose through those levels, many saw it as a figurative sign of a wound being healed.

**Dramatic**

The improvement in the financial mood does not appear to have been inspired by any dramatic shift in the economic news.

In fact, the backdrop has been largely negative — interest rates rising, the trade deficit widening, and worries persisting about a revival of inflation.

To some analysts, however, that makes the rally all the more impressive. If the larger-than-

expected trade deficit reported by the government on Wednesday had been announced six months or a year ago, they say, it would have knocked the market for a loop.

Instead, it barely created a ripple, and the Dow finished the day up 24.11 points.

Traditionally, this kind of behaviour provides evidence that there is very little scared money in the stock market, ready to jump out at the first sign of trouble. In effect, the would-be sellers have already sold.

The rally began in an atmosphere of pervasive pessimism. In early December Investors Intelligence Inc., which tracks sentiment among 130 investment advisory services, classified 55 per cent of them as bearish and

just 21 per cent as bullish.

Those were the most extreme findings, the firm reported, since June of 1982, just a few weeks before the start of a powerful five-year rise in the market.

In theory at least, stock prices move up when the wary are converted to optimists. The current rally certainly began with a large pool of potential recruits.

Though the mood has changed since then, Investors Intelligence says, its indicators remain positive for continued gains.

To some observers, the rally is not a happy development, but quite possibly a trap for the unwary.

"The stock market has cleared its first hurdle of 1989," say analysts at Wright Investors' Service in Bridgeport, Connec-

ticut.

"But there will be 11 more monthly employment reports and other 'critical' economic statistics through the year to challenge the strength and conviction of the market rally."

The optimists, though, think investors have at last begun to recognise the impressive performance of the economy since Black Monday.

Norman Fosback, editor of the investment advisory letter Market Logic, maintains that a good year is in store for both the economy and the market.

"While the stock market could experience a moderate-sized correction along the way — most years get at least one — the major trend is up," Fosback says. "As for a crash, well, forget it."

## World Business Summary

### Egypt rejects demands for higher interest rates

CAIRO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Egypt wants a deal with the International Monetary Fund and fresh debt rescheduling with Western governments but rejects IMF demands for a big rise in domestic interest rates, a top official said. Osama El Baz, political adviser to President Hosni Mubarak, said nearly doubling interest rates from 13 or 14 per cent to 25 per cent, as demanded by the fund, would fuel inflation and cut investment. Baz's comments, in an interview published on Friday by the French-language daily *Journal d'Egypte*, came as Cairo prepared for more talks on an IMF standby credits accord vital to underpin fresh debt rescheduling. He said Egypt would not oppose a rise of one or two per cent in interest rates but rejected a hike to 25 per cent. This did not mean, however, that it was against all operation. "It's in our interests to conclude a debt rescheduling agreement for 1989 ... with creditor countries," he said. Egypt's foreign debt, mainly to governments in the informal Paris Club of Western creditors, totals more than \$43 billion. Cairo's plan to reschedule about \$4 billion in repayments in the fiscal year which started last July hinges on an IMF agreement. Government ministers say they expect a deal by April despite differences with the fund on interest rates and other issues including the pace of steps Egypt should take to cut its budget deficit.

### Japan seeks to allay fears of higher interest rates

TOKYO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Japan sought today to allay fears that it would follow European nations in raising interest rates, but financial markets were not convinced. "Japanese monetary policy will not be affected by the rise in West German interest rates," Finance Minister Tatsuo Murayama told reporters. West Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands all announced increases in interest rates yesterday in what was seen as a co-ordinated move to combat inflation and rein in the surging dollar. The European rate increases, the second round in the last month, immediately sparked speculation that Japan would follow suit. Although Tokyo is unlikely to hike its key discount rate out of fear of provoking criticism from abroad, it may quietly try to nudge short-term money market interest rates higher in the next month or so, traders said. Rising oil prices, a stronger dollar and the threat of stepped-up wage demands here all point in the direction of higher interest rates in Japan, they said. Although the Bank of Japan acted to dampen such fears through its actions in the money market today, the markets were not impressed. Fears of higher rates pushed Tokyo stocks 141.02 points lower to a closing 3,170.38.

### Slumping exports may portend slower US economic growth

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuters): A decline in monthly US exports since September, a key reason for November's wide trade gap, suggests that economic growth in late 1988 will be slower than expected, economists say. With exports slipping for two consecutive months from September's record \$27.99 billion, economists said America's export boom is fading. "Clearly, it's consistent with other data that the improvement in the trade deficit has stopped," said Lawrence Chimerine, chairman of the WEA Group, an economic forecasting firm. Exports are a driving force in US economic growth for more than a year, fuel 2.3 per cent in November to \$27.18 billion while imports rose 4.2 per cent to a near record \$39.69 billion, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. The bloated November trade gap, which jumped 22 per cent to \$12.51 billion from October's \$10.26 billion shortfall, was a stark reminder for President-elect Bush just before his inauguration today of the magnitude of the country's economic problems, mainly its twin deficits in trade and the federal budget. Since exports are one of the components used to calculate the country's gross national product (GNP), economists said economic growth in the October-December fourth quarter will be smaller than previously expected. The positive side of slower growth is that it would ease inflationary pressure, a chief concern in financial markets and at the Federal Reserve Board, which has been propping up interest rates in an effort to dampen inflation.

### Jordan tells Gulf banks to arrange \$150 million loan

MANAMA, Jan 20, (AP): Jordan has asked three Gulf banks to arrange on its behalf a \$150-million dual currency loan, the Gulf International Bank said on Wednesday. The Bahrain-based GIB, owned by the seven Arab governments of the Gulf, is in charge of syndicating the medium-term loan, the announcement said. The other two banks, also based in Bahrain, are the Arab Bank Ltd and the Arab Banking Corporation. The first is a Bahraini commercial bank and ABC has Bahrain, Kuwait, Libyan and United Arab Emirates holdings. The GIB started the syndication on Jan 15, and the signing of the loan agreement was expected to take place in the late February, it said. The GIB did not say in which two currencies the loan would be made. Jordan is on close terms with the Gulf countries who for years have been major financial benefactors of the Hashemite Kingdom. Jordan recently devalued the dinar, trimmed spending on development projects and curtailed imports as part of efforts to confront a major economic crisis. Premier Zaid Rifai said recently Jordan is paying "close to \$900 million a year" to pay back loans.

### Poland to import oil from Iran

WARSAW, Jan 20, (Reuters): Iran has agreed to export about one million tonnes of crude oil to Poland. Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hosseini Mousavi said yesterday. Mousavi told a news conference that Poland would increase heavy machinery exports to Iran but gave no further details of the agreement reached during a four-day visit to Poland. Details would be worked out by a joint Iranian-Polish commission within about a month, he said. He declined to say if Poland would receive the oil this year or over a longer period and gave no details of plans for annual exports to Warsaw. Poland's industry ministry declined comment on the agreement. The Polish government daily *Rzeczpospolita* said before the visit that Poland would be looking to import about one million tonnes of oil from Iran each year. Poland does not publish figures for crude oil imports from Iran but in 1987 it bought only 579,000 tonnes of crude oil from all countries dealing in hard currencies. Poland plans to boost oil imports from Iraq this year to 1.3 million tonnes and wants to import a total of about 2.6 million tonnes from countries outside the communist bloc — at least four times more than in 1988. Poland relies on the Soviet Union for the rest of its oil imports, which totalled 14.2 million tonnes in 1987.

### UK jobless rate falls to 8-year low

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The number of people without jobs in Britain fell in December to its lowest for nearly eight years, the government said yesterday. Seasonally adjusted unemployment was down to 2.04 million or 7.5 per cent in November. At the same time, the Employment Department said average earnings in November rose by a lower-than-expected 8.75 per cent from nine per cent in October. Economists said the slowdown in pay rises was an encouraging sign for Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson in his fight to contain inflation. Bob Semple, an economist at brokers country Northwest Woodmac, said: "Clearly the figures are to be welcomed." He noted the data followed retail sales figures for December issued on Monday which pointed to a slowdown in consumer demand. The government also announced a surprise 0.1 per cent fall in industrial output in November, while the market had expected a 0.3 per cent rise after October's 0.5 per cent rise.

## US set to press Western allies for a major new initiative

### Third World debt and dollar will dominate G-7 talks

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The United States is set to press its Western allies for a major new initiative next month to tackle the \$1.2-trillion Third World debt crisis, European monetary sources said yesterday.

But European governments and Japan, concerned that the outgoing Reagan administration has failed to tackle Washington's home-grown debt problem, will want to know first how the new Bush team plans to cut the nation's huge budget deficit.

The Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations, co-ordinating policies closely since 1985, now appear agreed on the need to meet after today's swearing-in of President-elect George Bush.

The seven powers, the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Canada and Italy, have put on a public display of unity to intervene on currency markets to sell the dollar.

But economists say finance ministers and central bank governors know that such action can only have a temporary effect and they now need to reassess their policy co-ordination.

The groundwork could be laid in Switzerland over the next days as senior political and financial figures converge on the secluded ski resort of Davos, monetary sources said.

Several major players in international monetary co-ordination

are attending the annual two-week symposium starting on Jan 26, although a meeting of G-7 officials could be held out of the public gaze in Zurich a few days before.

Among those expected in Davos are:

Hans Tietmeyer, state secretary in West Germany's Finance Ministry. Tietmeyer was a main organiser of last September's International Monetary Fund annual meeting in West Berlin and narrowly escaped assassination a few days earlier. The Bundesbank number two, Helmut Schlesinger, will also attend.

David Mulford, assistant secretary at the US Treasury and a key player in co-ordination. He met secretly with European officials in Paris on the dollar at the end of last year and is accompanied by Robert Heller, a Federal Reserve Board governor.

Jean-Claude Trichet, director of the French Treasury and chairman of the secretive "Paris Club," an informal grouping of nations which meets to discuss debt relief for poor nations.

Toyo Goyoten, Japan's

Vice-Finance Minister for International Affairs, a regular visitor to Paris for talks at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Monetary sources said Bush's team was determined to refocus attention on the debt crisis, underscored by evidence by incoming Secretary of State James Baker to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington on Tuesday.

Baker, who as Treasury Secretary unveiled a now largely defunct Third World debt plan in 1983, stressed in the hearings the need for voluntary debt reduction by commercial banks.

**Debtors**

In recent months a number of Latin American debtors have sunk back into crisis. This week Brazil unveiled a new plan to stamp out annual inflation running at nearly 1,000 percent.

European nations and Japan are also keen on a new initiative to tackle the debt problem and proposed several schemes of their own at the West Berlin IMF meeting. But economists believe Europe and Japan's price for full co-operation could be a firm commitment from Washington

to cut the budget deficit.

Faced with the surge in the US currency towards what is thought to be an agreed limit of 1.90 marks under the G-7's 1987 "Louvre accord" on rates, ministers face three main options.

Firstly, they could decide to let the dollar rise further. This would help squeeze inflation in the United States, but would be unacceptable to Europe which fears a further weakening of their own currencies will push up import prices.

#### Policy

Secondly, Europe could tighten monetary policy to strengthen its currencies and offset some of the rise in US interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve this year.

The Bundesbank has nudged money market rates higher this week but economists feel it will refrain from a more drastic move, such as increasing the discount rate now at 3.5 per cent.

Thirdly, the ideal solution,

Washington could attack the budget deficit. That could dampen demand in the US economy, take pressure off interest rates and, in turn, the dollar.

### Arab banks to offset impact of European single market

ABU DHABI, Jan 20, (OPECNA): Arab banks are currently implementing a policy aimed at controlling stocks in European financial institutions and establishing ventures in Europe to offset the impact of the single European market expected to come into being by 1992, according to a study released in London.

The study, prepared by the London-based Arab Banking Corporation, says the policy stems from a fear among Arab banks that they will not be able to compete with European financial institutions when the single market becomes a reality.

Noting similar concern among Arab trade circles, the report says this is mainly due to the possibility that member countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) will be able to impose protectionist measures against the outside world once the single market comes into being.

## US to import more oil from OPEC producers

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (Reuters): Its oil needs by the mid-1990s.

Low oil prices and the expensive costs of finding oil in the well-explored United States have caused domestic production to falter. Last year US oil wells pumped an average of 8.1 million barrels per day, down from an all-time high of 9.6 million BPD in 1970.

"Right now it's not a clear and present danger, but it is a sobering situation, and the problem of rising dependence on Mideast oil will probably accelerate," said Adam Sieminski, analyst with County Northwest-Washington Analysis Corp.

"Kuwait's production is within the quota. There has never been any question about that," he told Reuters.

OPEC has sharply cut back oil production since Jan 1 when it began implementing a new pact to boost world oil prices by holding overall output by member states to 18.5 million barrels daily for the first six months of this year.

**Production**

Kuwaiti oil declined to give Kuwait's production in December, but industry sources estimated it a 1.7 million barrels daily.

At the end of last November, after OPEC's last conference, Sheikh Ali said Kuwait's output at the time was around two million barrels daily.

Oil industry sources say the pact is being respected with only some exceptions, and prices have rallied to 14-month highs, nearing OPEC's target of \$18 a barrel.

Sheikh Ali said Kuwait would continue to respect its quota as long as other OPEC members did. "We will maintain that (quota level) as long as everyone maintains that."

On European spot markets on Thursday, North Sea Brent crude was priced at \$18.15/bbl, while Dubai crude, considered a Middle East benchmark, was put at \$15.70.

**UK firm wins contract**

London, Jan 20, (OPECNA): Iraq has awarded a \$288 million contract to Babcock Energy, a British company, to supply equipment for the Anbar thermal power station in western Iraq.

Babcock Energy, a Scottish subsidiary of the electrical engineering firm, FKI Babcock, won the contract to supply boilers and ancillary equipment to the power station.

"If exports do respond nicely

tripled in 1986 when oil prices topped, will make up the bulk of any future increase in total US oil imports because that region has few production constraints and can easily raise exports when demand picks up, industry experts said.

"Increasing reliance on OPEC oil — particularly from the Middle East — strengthens the relative power of these countries to control world oil prices," the American Petroleum Institute said in a recent paper on energy security. "The history of the last 15 years suggests that price shocks and supply interruptions are increasingly probable as demand rises relatively to supply."

Most of the US imports come from Arab members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

As demand for oil picks up, consuming nations will be forced to turn to the Mideast because it has about 75 per cent of total surplus production capacity and 70 per cent of non-communist oil analysts said.

"The Mideast can produce oil at a much lower price than we



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1989

## INTERBANKED BOUND RINGGITS

LONDON: Imperial Chemical Industries PLC is launching a 100 mn Australian dollar Eurobond due Feb 21, 1992 paying 15 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. (KXWS 1200). Dusseldorf: Iceland is issuing a 150 mn mark 10-year Eurobond with a 6-5/8 pct coupon priced at 101 pct, lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank-Girozentrale (WestLB) said. (KXSS 1009) Spain: Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez said he will seek a rescheduling of his country's \$32 billion in foreign debt. (KXK 1053) Amsterdam: Royal Trust Corp of Canada is launching a 75 mn Australian dollar Eurobond due March 1, 1992, paying 14-7/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager ABN Amro (KXGM 1225). A Japanese securities house (KXK 1115) London: Finland's Dicobank is issuing a 100 mn dollar Eurobond due 21, 1992 paying 8-5/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager BISI International Ltd said. (KXUL 1126) London: Next PLC is to borrow 200 mn stg through a five-year multi-option facility (MOP), Barclays de Zoete Wedd (BZW) said as arranger. (KXAL 1609) Northern Foods PLC has signed a 100 mn stg, five-year multi-option facility, NJM, Rothchild and Sons Ltd said as arranger. (KXAL 1609) Brussels: Kredietbank increased the amount of its five-year zero coupon Eurobond for Kredietbank International Finance NV to 80 mn ECUs from 60 mn due to strong market demand. (KXAI 1549)

## INTERBANK RATES

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 13-1/6 12-15/16	13-1/8 1/16	13-1/8 1/16
FFT 5.30/40	5.70/80	5.75/85
PAN 8-5/16 7/16	8-1/2 5/8	8-9/16 11/16
ZUR 4-3/8 4-5/8	5-3/8 5-5/8	5-1/2 5-3/4
BRX 6.40	7-1/2 9/16	7-5/8 3/4
ROM 11-3/8 11-7/8	12 12-1/2	12 12-1/2
MHS 5.62/75	5.90/100	6.08/18
TOK 3.27/32 29/32	4.12/32 14/32	4.18/32 20/32
ECU 7.87 8.12	8.12 8.25	8.31 8.43

## INTEREST RATES

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7	7-7/16
3 months	7-1/2	7-15/16
6 months	7-11/16	8-3/16
1 year	7-13/16	8-1/4

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	74	74	75	NICO	590	580	590
ACC 319	322	317	GRASIN	52.50	52	49	MUKAND	91	89	91
ASIA PAINT 215	212.50	213.75	GSCF	80.50	82	83.50	NOCIL	765	770	785
BAJAJ AUTO 400	403.75	400	HIND LEVER	70.50	70.50	71	PEICO	22.50	23	22
BAR. RAYON 295	295	300	HINDALCO	172	177	174	PFIZER	68	66	68
BON. DYEING 118	119	119	HINDCOCA	105.75	102.50	105.75	PRE. AUTO	44	44.25	43.75
BR. BOND 104	103	108.50	HINDMOTOR	27.75	28.50	28.25	RAYMOND	72	71	72
BSE INDEX 641.02	634.12	634.12	IND ORG	41	41	45	RELIANCE	126	127	124
CENTURYSPG 1385	1390	1451	INDRAYON	81.50	81	82	SIEMENS	82	81	81
COLGATE 305	307.50	305	INDROL	270	275	287.50	SPIC	45	45	43.50
DEEPAKFERT 40	39	38	ITC	47	47	48	STDMILLS	240	240	240
EI. HOTEL 57.50	55	57	JIOSYNT	85.50	82	84	TATA PAR	255	362.50	350
ESKATEK 135	136.25	136.25	L. AMT	124	119	116.50	TATACHEM	108.50	109	110
ESSAR 25.25	25.25	22.75	HINDRA	84	85	83	TELO	702.50	710	710
GAR. POLY 82.50	82.50	82.50	HASTERSR	16	16.25	16	TISCO	1151	1167	1161
GE. SHIP 36.85	37.50	37	HATHER PL	61	58	59	VOLTAS	520	515	515

## FRANKFURT

## TELEKOM

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUBI CP	1480	1480	MITSUBI EL	1080	1090	MITSUBI EST	2690	2700
AEG 199.6	197.5	AIJINMOTO 3000	3020	MITSUBI HVY	1170	1150	MITSUBI HVY	1170	1150	MITSUBI HVY	1170	1150
ALLIANZ VR 1874.0	1891.0	AKAI ELEC 710	691	MITSUBI IND	1060	1060	MITSUBI IND	1060	1060	MITSUBI IND	1060	1060
BAEDEMERK 180.5	180.0	AKOI 1150	1140	MITSUBI KOS	2270	2280	MITSUBI KOS	2270	2280	MITSUBI KOS	2270	2280
BASE 281.5	283.7	ASAHI GLS 2000	2010	MITSUMI EL	1080	1020	MITSUMI EL	1080	1020	MITSUMI EL	1080	1020
BAYER 298.1	303.5	ASAHI OPT 725	740	MITSUMI HVY	1260	1270	MITSUMI HVY	1260	1270	MITSUMI HVY	1260	1270
BAYER HYP 381.0	388.0	BAYK TOKYO 1680	1690	MITSUMI KEC	2100	2120	MITSUMI KEC	2100	2120	MITSUMI KEC	2100	2120
BAYER VER 393.5	396.5	BRIDGESTON 1400	1400	MITSUMI SEC	1020	1020	MITSUMI SEC	1020	1020	MITSUMI SEC	1020	1020
BBC 360.0	361.0	CASIO COMP 1370	1390	MITSUMI SHP	1910	1950	MITSUMI SHP	1910	1950	MITSUMI SHP	1910	1950
BHF 417.0	422.0	CHUGAI PHM 1580	1590	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
BHW 520.0	523.0	CITIZEN W 940	959	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
CONFERZBK 251.3	252.0	D-ICHI KAN 3570	3600	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
CONTI GRM 244.7	269.0	DAI NIP IK 877	880	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
DAITNER BEN 692.0	710.0	DAI NIP PT 2630	2650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
DEUTSC BNK 553.5	560.5	DAI NIP SC 1020	990	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
DLW 456.0	455.0	DAI NIP TO 950	950	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
DRESDNER B 309.0	312.5	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
DT. HANCOCK 152.0	152.5	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
FAT. INDEX 556.00	560.00	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
FELDNERL 302.0	306.5	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
GOLDSCHEID 306.0	302.5	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
HARPNER 420.0	425.0	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
HOECHST AG 295.1	300.0	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
HOESCH 195.5	192.3	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
HORTEN 224.0	223.0	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
HUSSEL NLD 457.0	456.0	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
KALI. SALZ 189.0	187.2	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
KARSTADT 425.0	418.0	MITSUMI TEC	1650	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620	MITSUMI TEC	1650	1620
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Gold prices slightly firmer

# Central banks drive the dollar down

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): Central Banks hit the dollar with a second straight day of major open market intervention today and seemed to have checked its vigorous New Year rally.

This had threatened to pump up many nations' import bills and give a new twist to their inflation.

Speculators still fancied the dollar today, chiefly because of high US interest rates. But eight of the industrial nations' central banks came back again to sell it.

"The central banks have sent us a very clear message," said one Frankfurt dealer. "I don't think there is anybody out there now that feels like taking the dollar over 1.85 marks."

**Down**

It ended in Europe at 1.8430 Deutsche marks, down from yesterday's closing 1.8655 and sharply off the 3-1/2 months highs above 1.87 marks to which it had soared earlier yesterday before the slowdown with the central banks began.

The dollar closed at 128.32 yen, down from 129.45.

Today's new intervention, after sales of up to a billion dollars yesterday by 10 central banks and also a round of European interest rate rises, sent some speculators to cash in gains from the two-week rally and flee to other currencies.

The central banks of the United States, West Germany, France, Britain, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium and Italy sold dollars today.

**Trend**

The gold price closed slightly firmer in London at \$405 an ounce. Oil prices were a shade easier with North Sea Brent crude quoted at \$16.90 a barrel for March loading, down from 17.15.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was trading in London at 101-13/32 per cent, yielding 8.86 per cent.

Stock markets around the globe showed no clear trend with

their New Year rally apparently slowing, at least for now.

Reacting to higher inflation and the strong dollar, West Germany, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Austria announced interest rate rises yesterday. Belgium has now also raised its discount rate.

The Nikkei stocks average in Tokyo dropped 141.02 points to 31,170.38 today as investors worried that interest rates might also rise in Japan.

Wall Street at New York's midday was subdued on George Bush's inauguration day and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up just 1.60 points at 2,240.71. Prudential-Bache analyst Larry Wachtel said: "Stocks are digesting their earlier gains."

In London, equities stood mixed but with a slightly firmer bias in late trading with a lackluster trend on Wall Street providing little fresh incentive, dealers said.

Although prices have moved

narrowly today, volume has again been high with over 690 million leading shares changing hands by 1500 GMT. "High volume but little price movement is a sure sign that there has been some consolidation," one trader said.

At 1547 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 5.8 points up at a high of 1,916.6 after a low of 1,903.9 at 1602 GMT.

**High**

Traders said today's high volume was underpinned by buy programmes, with a net £30 million buy from a leading agency broker said to have been executed. However, traders were unable to pin down just which agency broker had bought the shares.

Reuters, the financial information and news group, rallied strongly to stand 31p higher at 609 against the background of strong demand for its ADRs both in London and New York. One trader said ADR market-

makers in the US were caught short of stock when a big buyer emerged, and UK brokers were buying ADRs here to supply the short US houses. Hence the sharp rise in the underlying share prices.

**Price**

Asked about the Reuters share price rise, a company spokesman said there are no fresh corporate developments and the buying appeared to be largely US inspired.

Oil group Ultramar renewed its upward move with a net 15p gain to 319 as rumours persisted that New Zealand businessman Sir Ron Brierley was looking to sell his 14.1 per cent stake. Other oils were mostly firmer despite easier crude prices.

Property group Hammerson 'A' shares sank 37p to £26 while Ordinaries dipped 33p to 896 after the failure of the Rodamco bid. Analysts said the shares could fall further as the market unwinds positions to reflect the removal of the bid premium.



Japanese farmers' representatives watch Tokyo money brokers in trading action at the core of their country's foreign exchange movement in Tokyo on Thursday. The dollar climbed to 129.20 yen at the close, above 128 yen for the first time since Oct 1983. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Move poses a major dilemma for policy-makers

# Europe raises interest rates again

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): European nations raised interest rates for the second time in a month yesterday but failed to dent bullish sentiment for the dollar, posing a major dilemma for the industrial world's policy-makers.

A co-ordinated round of rate rises in Europe was backed up with heavy sales of the US currency by central banks but economists said neither weapon appeared to have impressed the foreign exchange market and the dollar remained strong.

**Pressure**

Failure to stop the currency's New Year rally is likely to put more pressure on the United States to tackle its huge budget deficit at a meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations expected to take place in Washington in two weeks' time.

"Business confidence and the stock markets have stood up to interest rate rises in Europe so far," said Richard Reid, chief

European economist at brokers UBS-Philips and Drew.

"But there is a limit and we now run the danger of becoming locked into a competitive round of rate rises."

The G-7 — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — are likely to meet in Washington on Feb 3 to discuss co-ordination of economic policy with President George Bush's new team.

But far from being a routine "get-to-know-you" session, finance ministers and central bank governors face a dilemma of how to stop the dollar now their two main policy tools, currency intervention and interest rates, appear not to have worked.

**Stemming**

The round of European rate rises, one month after an earlier tightening of policy, was aimed at stemming the dollar's rise and heading off inflation generated by higher import prices.

The Swiss National Bank

moved first yesterday, raising its key discount and Lombard rates by half a point to four and six per cent respectively and taking the unusual step of leading the West German Bundesbank by some four hours.

But economists said the drive for tighter policy still came principally from the Bundesbank which also pushed its two similar rates up half a percentage point to the same level.

**Narrow**

European monetary sources said the European move, which excluded Britain, was closely co-ordinated. Rates were also raised in Austria, France and the Netherlands, while the Belgian national bank said it might follow suit today.

"The Bundesbank is the driving force behind this," said Reid. "There is no doubt about it."

In theory, a rise in European rates should narrow the gap with higher levels of interest in the United States and make the

dollar less attractive to investors or speculators.

But the US currency, which has soared to 3-1/2 month highs against the West German currency, dipped only briefly despite the rate rises and a wave of central bank selling. It recovered in the late European afternoon to trade around 1.8650 marks.

The Group of Seven is widely believed to have set an upper limit on the dollar of about 1.90 marks, meaning policy-makers face a series of tough options if the currency remains strong.

Identically, bullish sentiment might be dented if the new Bush administration tackled the US budget deficit decisively.

That, economists argue, could choke off excess domestic demand in the American economy, dampen inflation fears and allow a reduction in US interest rates.

Jim O'Neill, economist at Swiss Bank Corp Investment

Banking Ltd in London, said he expected the US Federal Reserve, the central bank, might now decide it had to ease its policy a notch in coming days to cut away some support from the dollar.

**Up**

The Fed could decide to ease up a little," he said.

Richard Darman, due to take office as US budget director today, hinted along the same lines in Washington, saying that eliminating the deficit should lower interest rates. But he added the size of the decline was difficult to forecast.

Economists said the European rate rise could sour the atmosphere at Group of Seven talks, with the Bundesbank clearly showing now that it would not tolerate a higher dollar.

The central bank's move also seemed to fly in the face of the Bonn Finance Ministry which had been arguing against a rise in West German rates on political grounds, economists said.

**GIC chief sees modest growth in Gulf economies**

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (Reuters): A top Gulf banker predicted that higher world oil prices and the Iran-Iraq ceasefire might induce a modest upturn in the economies of the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states this year.

But Khaled Al Fayed, chief executive officer of the Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC) told Reuters that financing problems were hindering reconstruction of war damage in Iran and Iraq, widely seen as the key to any broad economic recovery.

"The means of finding finance for this reconstruction has to be found somehow before a major impact on the activities of (Gulf) trading or investment companies should appear," he said in an interview.

**Hopes**

The end of eight years of fighting last August raised hopes of an economic boom in the Gulf as Iran and Iraq rebuilt their economic infrastructures. But it later became clear they were far from reaching a full peace settlement.

"There has been a return to a more realistic acceptance that although the war is over it's going to take some time to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement," Fayed said.

He said efforts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to boost oil prices

by limiting output boded well for the GCC states.

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**Assets**

Oil prices fell as low as \$10 a barrel last October because of a glut in supply. Fayed said the recovery in prices would ease pressure on state budgets.

GIC is likely to report slightly lower 1988 profits because of currency and interest rate fluctuations, its chief executive officer said on Wednesday.

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**SHIPPING MOVEMENTS**

**SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 20/1/89**

**B.N.O. Ships Name Agent Tel. No.**

2 Zarka GH & Q 4347815

3 Barwil Express Alghanim Bar 4842988

8 Shaam ISA 2441860

17 Barge Dong AH 303 GH & Q 4347815

18 Tug Gulf Master GH & Q 4347815

19 White Reefer GH & Q 4347815

**SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT**

**ETA Ships Name Agent Tel. No.**

19/1 Norasia Arabic Enad 4841807

19/1 Rashid GH & Q 4347815

19/1 Great Liberty ISA 2441860

20/1 Mandama Alghanim Bar 4842988

20/1 Sun-Hope ISA 2441860

20/1 Oriental Haiway United 2457958

**SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT**

**B.N.O. Ships Name Agent Tel. No.**

2 Herculus RSMS 2423642

9 Sea Star.L Pearl Shpg 2417758

11 Crystal Reed ISA 2441860

13 Socota KMMC 2419814

**SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT**

**ETA Ships Name Agent Tel. No.**

18/1 Great Liberty Al Kamal 2425437

19/1 Al Wattyah UASC 4843150

20/1 Baffin Bay 2423642

21/1 Ibn Majid UASC 4843150

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**Indonesian power plants to reduce oil consumption**

JAKARTA, Jan 20, (OPECNA): Indonesia hopes to bring down oil consumption by its power generating plants by 20 per cent following the completion and expansion of a series of non-oil plants during the fifth five-year development plan beginning in April.

During the five-year period, the Indonesian state electricity company (PLN) plans to increase its power capacity to 3,600 mw, according to company president Ermansyah Yamin. The GNP is estimated to reach 389.7 trillion yen (\$3.

By William Crowther

A SMASH-HIT film showing in the States has uncovered a dirty little secret among today's women executives.

When it comes to corporate competition, it seems, there is no such thing as sisterhood.

Indeed, women scaling the company ladder are tougher on each other than they are on men. And many feel compelled to torpedo their rivals to get to the top.

The remarkable revelations follow the mammoth box-office success of *Working Girl*, starring Sigourney Weaver as Katherine — the "boss from hell." This comedy, directed by Mike Nichols, shows how Katherine steals a blockbuster idea from her secretary, Tess, played by Melanie Griffith ... and how Tess gets her revenge.

After seeing the finished film for the first time, Sigourney Weaver said: "I felt remorse. In some ways the relationship between the two women is touching and in other ways it is terrible. Tess is so trusting, but what Katherine does to her is just heinous."

#### Release

Within days of release, the film shot to No. 4 in the nationwide attendance charts.

And the producers now realise that part of the reason is that the movie has unintentionally touched a raw nerve in American society...

The fierce, often vicious, competition between ambitious women in the office.

By coincidence, Jill Barber and Rita Watson will soon publish an academic study called *The All About Eve Complex: The Myths and Realities of Sisterhood*.

#### Cut-throat

It provides evidence to back the theory that, in American companies at least, there is a boom in what are now known as "success bitches."

Barber says that nearly 80 of the 100 women interviewed for the study "had their lives changed after a professional betrayal by a woman in the office."

Watson, a family health

## Back-stabbing in the office: women just as good as men



Scheming: Sigourney Weaver (right) Melanie Griffith (left) and Harrison Ford.

consultant, adds: "It doesn't matter what field women are in — they envision it as the worst."

"Even nursing, one of the caring, nurturing professions, is seen as quite cut-throat."

"I've had a man try to steal my work outright — and I've been victimised by women twice. The

difference was that the women were manipulative and sneaky about it."

Toni Lopopolo, who is editing The All About Eve Complex study, says: "When I came into the business world we women were going to make another world. We were going to help other women. I didn't understand that the women would compete with me, want my job and try to push me out."

Another US study backs this up. The American Management Association shows that, of 1,000 business women interviewed, 90 per cent say they have had a woman undermine them at the office.

Yet the study, written by Tara Madden, adds: "Not one of them will say she's ever done the undermining."

Burden

Madden believes that women take each other too personally in the office.

"If a woman loses a battle in the office she thinks she's a failure. A man doesn't think he has lost the war — he just goes out for a drink with his enemy."

Women give away power by confiding too much in each other. They expect to be friends with the other women in the office."

A woman boss befriends the secretary. And the secretary does the man's work first because the secretary sees her boss as Mummy — and nice Mummy will understand. A man doesn't have that burden."

Financial psychologist Kathleen Gurney says: "Women feel there's only so much room at the top."

"They think that if they support another woman, that'll mean one less spot at the top... and from my experience that's probably true."

Dr Gurney says that twice in the last year she has submitted a proposal praised by a male boss — then "dismissed without investigation by his female assistant."

And Sigourney Weaver? "I still hope that women can be better than men," she says. "As naive as that may sound."

#### Some vital tips to give you a head start

## Hair: an important female accessory

By Manal Elsheikh

HAIR, a most important accessory, can change the way you look dramatically. It says as much about you as the clothes you wear. To look your best, healthy, shiny hair is a must. However, many factors hamper attempt at keeping it shiny and full of bounce. Topping the list is your own body.

As far as the body is concerned, hair is of minimum importance and its roots are the last area to receive nutrients. Unfortunately, the condition of your hair reflects the general health of the body at the time it was being made. Each hair has an average lifespan of between two to eight years. Your hair condition may be affected for a long time after illness or a period of poor eating.

Thereby, diet is an essential factor. This should always be looked after as, usually, if hair is unhealthy resulting from an insufficient diet, complexion will also suffer. It is always better to prevent than to cure.

Other factors include damage caused by sun and wind, drying effects of central heating, peroxide attacks and incorrect use of heating appliances.

Hair is, therefore, more sensitive than imagined and very liable to type changes, making product-choice through experience inadequate. You must be able to recognise the changing needs of your hair and meet them with the right products and techniques.

Nature chooses your hair's texture, natural bend and growth rate. The rest depends on you: from brushing regularly to using special aids and most importantly watching your diet.



To look your best, healthy shiny hair is a must.

Regular exercising should always accompany a well balanced diet. It helps blood circulation thereby, spreading oxygen and nutrients to all of the body's organs.

#### Brushing

Aim at brushing hair daily, however, be careful not to overbrush. Hair should be brushed just enough to undo tangles and put into style.

Brushing dry hair has many advantages. It stimulates the flow of blood to the scalp, it helps spread sebum (produced at base of hair) down the hair shaft and removes dirt and debris from the hair. It also smoothes down the scales of the cuticle (the outer layer of each hair), gives a glossy sheen and helps subdue static.

Normally, choosing your shampoo type depends on the scalp's condition rather than that of the hair itself. The types of scalp can be roughly classified into four: dry, dandruff-prone, normal or greasy.

Before you actually wash your hair, it is advisable to brush it. This will remove loose hair and dandruff and will distribute natural oils through-out the shafts. Then massage the entire

scalp, briskly, but gently, with a rotating movement of hands and fingertips. This stimulates and relaxes the scalp.

Wet the hair with warm water and either spot-shampoo all over the scalp or put into palm of hand first. Lather well and massage with the pads of your fingers, not your nails. The first application should be concentrated on the scalp only as this needs the intensive cleansing.

Rinse

If you only intend to shampoo once, as you rinse the suds will drain through your hair, if short or medium length, and clean it. If the hair is long, use a mild shampoo for the ends and do not pile your hair on top of your head.

Rinse with warm water.

Lather again, if necessary, paying attention to the area around the hairline where make-up and debris can collect. Rub the ends of your hair, very gently, between your palms with the suds. This should be done only if you are not confident about the cleanliness when the first rinsing is complete.

Further, on everyday washing, the second shampooing is usually unnecessary, as is, if your hair is greasy. In this case,

over enthusiastic shampooing will result in stimulation of glands and thereby, more oil production.

The final rinse should be thorough; water should run clear. If you leave a shampoo residue you will get a dulling effect. Finish off with a cold water rinse producing more shine and gloss, then squeeze to remove excess water.

Unlike shampoos, conditioner should be chosen to suit the hair type. There are three most common types: dry and unmanageable, usually having a fuzzy outline and often accompanies a dry scalp and coarse hair; lank, dull hair which usually accompanies greasy or dandruff-prone scalps and average to coarse hair; split, brittle ends which can accompany a normal scalp and occurs in all hair-textures.

For dry, dull or brittle hair conditioner is a must. It coats the hair making it feel smooth and look shiny. The hair will no longer feel rough and will have extra fullness and body. These textures require thick, rich and creamy formulated conditioners.

#### Conditioners

In general, conditioners may be looked upon as invisible rain-coats that help any type stand up to bad weather. Curly hair tends to swell up and becomes difficult to handle in damp weather. Conditioner helps curb this tendency. Conditioner adds body to long, fine hair which goes limp at the first sign of dampness. Fine, wavy hair goes wispy; conditioner helps keep it smooth. It also closes any open cuticle scales, replaces natural oils which protect the hair, detangles, adds shine, body and lustre to hair.

Conditioner is to be applied after shampooing and thoroughly rinsing. It should never be massaged in the scalp. This can result in dandruff and hairloss!

Conditioners are most needed from the middle of the hair shaft down to the end, unless hair has been bleached or permed. In this case all the hair needs conditioning.

Pour some conditioner into the palm and squeeze gently into the hair. With a wide toothed comb, comb the conditioner throughout the hair to get an even spread. If the comb does not go through the hair easily, do not tug; hold a jet of water from the spray head behind the comb and let the force of the water mix with the conditioner and smooth a path for the comb. Leave the conditioner for one or two minutes before thoroughly rinsing out with warm water. If your hair is very dry, reapply to the ends and rinse lightly.

Wrap your hair in a towel to absorb extra moisture. Never rub the hair with the towel, this will undo all the good work of the conditioner.

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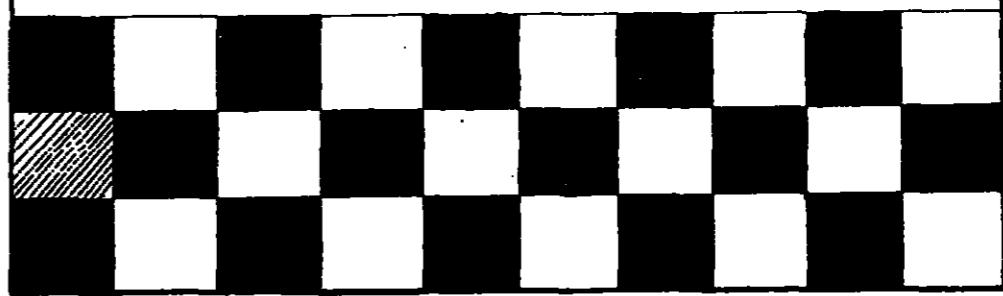
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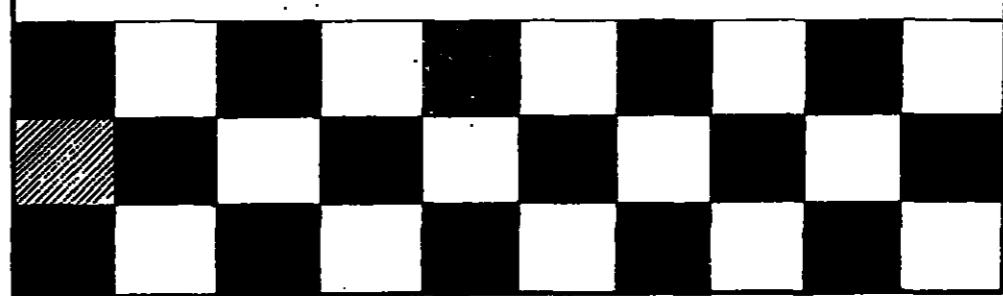
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SHOAIB AND SALEEM HIT HALF CENTURIES AGAIN

## Pakistan draw tour opener

LONDON, Jan 20. (Reuter): The English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) refused yesterday to say what stance it would take at next Monday's crucial meeting of the world governing body on the issue of players' links with South Africa.

West Indies seek a lifetime ban in one resolution at the International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting and a four-year suspension in another for any player having sporting connections with the racially-segregated republic.

A number of English cricketers currently coach and play in South Africa during their off-season and England's tour of India this winter was called off after the Indian government said it would refuse to issue visas to captain Graham Gooch and seven other players with South African links.

### Indication

After a four-hour meeting at the Oval, the TCCB issued a brief statement giving no indication of its views.

"The board empowered its representatives to consider all views expressed at that ICC meeting and exercise the United Kingdom vote as appropriate," the statement said.

Chief executive Alan Smith refused to elaborate.

At the meeting the TCCB heard submissions from South African Cricket Union delegates Joe Farnesky and Ali Bacher.

"We don't want world cricket to be split because of racial reasons," Bacher told reporters afterwards.

"But we think that England are over-reacting to their susceptibility, England need West Indies and the West Indies need England."

South Africa, however, threatened today to organise rebel cricket tours if international cricketing authorities increased the country's sporting links.

A bitter commentary on state-run Radio South Africa anticipated that the ICC meeting on Monday would ban players who have links with South Africa.

"If the ICC finally closes the door to international cricket to South Africa, then the South African cricketing authorities will have no compunction in organising unofficial tours to South Africa — the so-called rebel tours," the commentary said.

The commentary, which voices government policy, was one of the most strongly worded statements made by Pretoria in recent months on moves by world sporting authorities to isolate South Africa because of its apartheid race policies.

### Argued

The commentary argued that the ICC was climbing on board the sanctions bandwagon against South Africa.

Sanctions, it said, were designed to help South African blacks, but it was blacks who in fact suffered.

"Young black cricketers in South Africa — the aspiring Imran Khans and Malcolm Marshalls — will be denied the benefit of the coaching and experience of top-class cricketers from abroad, and the opportunity of seeing them in action."

"At the very time when there is an upsurge in interest in cricket amongst black South Africans, the enthusiasm of young black cricketers will be blunted," the commentary added.

Meanwhile, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said today an Australian cricketer has started legal action to quash a 10-year ban imposed on him for playing in South Africa.

An ACB spokesman told Reuters former South Australia batsman Michael Hayman had filed an application in the federal court claiming the ban was a restraint of trade and a violation of the trade practices act.

Hayman played in South Africa as a member of a rebel Australian team led by Kim Hughes in 1985-86 and 1986-87.

Two years ago, Hughes successfully contested that the West Australian Cricket Association's attempt to stop him from playing club cricket was a restraint of trade.

### Expected

Hayman's lawyer Geoffrey Glover said the case was not expected to be heard within six months. "We are very confident of winning," he said.

"We're trying to get recognition from the court that Michael is free to play his trade as he chooses in Australia or anywhere else in the world," he added.

Hayman returned to South Africa this summer and is playing with Northern Transvaal in the Currie Cup competition.

The ten-year ban became part of ACB policy in September 1985, six months after plans by a team of Australians to tour South Africa became public.

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Jan 20. (Reuter): The opening match of Pakistan's New Zealand tour ended in a dull draw against a Second XI selection today.

The result was never in doubt after the second day of the three-day game was washed out. Pakistan gained some useful practice both in the field and at the wicket but little else was achieved.

Pakistan finished with its second innings at 124 for one wicket after the tourists had dismissed the selection side for 126.

### Delayed

Shoaib Mohammad and Saleem Malik repeated their first innings success by scoring half centuries. Shoaib reached 55 not out while Saleem made 50 against a soft bowling attack. In the first innings Shoaib had scored 62 while Saleem had hit 59.

Earlier, after a rain delayed start, Pakistan declared their first innings at 329 for nine.

Against an impressive Pakistan attack only Steve Brown with 64 made any progress.

Captain Imran Khan, in an effort to get more bat practice for Pakistan, did not enforce the follow-on.

Left-arm bowler Saleem Jaffer was



Mudassar: completes a good all-round performance

the most impressive, taking three wickets for 30 off his 14 overs of pace bowling.

Mudassar Nazzar completed a good all-round effort by taking

three wickets to go with his first innings score of 82.

One concern for Pakistan was

a groin injury to left-arm opening bowler Wasim Akram. Already

suffering a health problem before arriving in New Zealand, he bowled just nine overs before having to leave the field.

### Scoreboard

SECOND XI selection first innings:

Graham Burnett c Shoaib b Mudassar	20
Grant Douglas run out	11
Derek Scott c Younus b Jaffer	0
Steve Brown c Ijaz b Jaffer	64
Rodney Brown c Saleem b Imran	5
Bill Fowler b Mudassar	7
Ian Fisher c Saleem b Mudassar	0
Maryam Saleem c Saleem b Jaffer	5
James Milne run out	1
Brian Barrett not out	7
Richard de Groot c Imran b Tauseef	0
Extras (3 lb, 3 nb)	6
Total	126
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-27, 3-33, 4-39, 5-57, 6-69, 7-92, 8-95, 9-126.	
Bowling: Imran 17-7-41-1, Wasim 9-2-23-0 (3ub), Mudassar 13-7-19-3, Jaffer 14-6-30-3, Tauseef 6-2-1-10-1.	
PAKISTAN first innings 329 for nine wickets declared (Mudassar 82, Saleem 69, Shoaib 69).	
Scoreboard:	
Mahn-el-Aziz c Burnett b Barrett	17
Shoaib Mohammad not out	55
Saleem Malik not out	50
Extras (1 lb, 1 w)	2
Total for one wicket	124
Fall of wicket: 1-31.	
Bowling: Barrett 8-1-31-1, De Groot 4-0-22-0, Saleem 5-1-10-4 (1lb, 1w), Fisher 4-1-18-0, Douglas 1-0-14-0, Burnett 1-0-16-0, R. Brown 1-0-13-0.	

Scoreboard:

WEST INDIES first innings

D. Haynes c Healy b McDermott	0
J. Duquin c and b Taseef	23
K. Arthurton c Ritchie b	0
Rackemann	20
C. Hooper c Ritchie b McDermott	46
G. Logic c Ritchie b Cantrell	67
R. Harper run out	82
D. Williams c Cantrell	0
W. Benjamin b b Hohns	50
I. Bishop not out	5
C. Walsh c Cantrell b Hohns	0
P. Patterson c Healy b Rackemann	0
Extras (10-5 nb-17)	22
Total	316
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-46 3-50 4-143	
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Rackemann 19-1-2-72-2 (2ub), Hohns	
14-3-59-2, Cantrell 10-2-36-2.	
QUEENSLAND first innings	
T. Bardsby not out	0
J. Walker not out	0
Extras (0 wicket)	1
Total (0 wicket)	0
To bat: Stuart Law, Peter Clifford, Greg Ritchie, Peter Cantrell, Ian Healy, Trevor Hohns, Craig McDermott, Mark Taseef, Carl Rackemann.	
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## SHOWJUMPING

Kuwaiti star goes for more glory

DUBAI: Dashing Kuwaiti Army officer Lieut Rakad Al Daphire, already hailed as the star of Dubai Horse Show, goes for more glory tonight when the Dunhill Cup brings the Middle East's premier showjumping competition to a climax.

Two superb victories at the Metropolitan Hotel showground have emphasised Lieut Al Daphire's stature as one of the Gulf's leading riders, and earned him the respect of the established international competitors he has so far overshadowed.

## Produced

And he will start as one of the favourites for the prestigious Dunhill Cup, which traditionally brings the curtain down on one of the most colourful events in the regional sporting calendar.

Following up his first day triumph in the opening jumping test, Lieut Al Daphire produced the outstanding performance of the show to date when he won the Carter Stakes in brilliant style on Thursday night.

The odds were stacked against him in the seven-horse jump-off after England's Joe Turi took Benyon clear in 44.04 seconds, only to be eclipsed by Irish star Paul Darragh who conjured up another flawless round on Co-champion in 43.2 seconds.

But, going last on the horse which had given him one of Kuwait's two victories on the opening day, Lieut Al Daphire drove Silver Stream home in a fantastic time of 38.03 seconds, a performance that even brought show director Capt. Mark Phillips to his feet.

"It was a tremendous round in the circumstances," said Capt. Phillips, husband of Britain's Princess Anne and an experienced Olympic rider. "The lieutenant is helped by the fact that he has a very good horse, but he is obviously a fine rider."

Earlier, Lieut Al Daphire on Liwice had teamed up with first-day winner Lieut Abdulla Al Saeed, riding Salama, to give Kuwait more success in the British Bank of the Middle East Stakes, a relay event in which they again outshone the international stars.

## Faster

Yesterday Lieut Al Daphire was denied yet another victory on Liwice when they had the last fence down in the two-horse jump-off for the Saddle Cup. Dubai's Jamal Tarish on Oliver also had four faults but was a second faster.

Delighted with four victories, the Kuwaiti contingent would have had even more to celebrate but for a technicality. Riding Archway, Lieut Fahad Al Moteri produced the best round in the jump-off for the Dubai Duty Free Stakes, the opening day's big event. But show rules prevent riders from winning opening events after competing in an intermediate class on the same day, and the UAE's Lorraine Garland on Aljabar was declared the winner.

**Chapman slams four as Forest blast QPR**

LONDON, Jan 20. (Reuters): Striker Lee Chapman scored four goals as Nottingham Forest crushed Queen's Park Rangers 5-2 at home in the quarterfinals of the English League Soccer Cup on Wednesday.

Chapman was in unstoppable form, netting a first half-trick and following up with his fourth in the 67th minute.

Nigel Clough scored Forest's other goal from the penalty spot, Mark Stein and David Kerslake repairing for Rangers.

West Ham, struggling in the league but in fine form in Cup competitions, missed a third minute penalty taken by Liam Brady.

## Earned

But still beat visiting Aston Villa 2-1 thanks to a Paul Ince goal eight minutes later and a second five minutes from time by David Kelly. Villa's goal came two minutes from time from David Platt.

Holders Luton were held 1-1 at home to Southampton after leading through a 10th minute goal from Ricky Hill. Southampton earned a replay when Glenn Cockerill scored nine minutes later.

In the other tie, Second Division Bradford were surprisingly beaten 1-0 at home to Bristol City of the Third Division. Alan Walsh's second minute goal settling the issue.

In a Football Association (FA) Cup third round third replay, Newcastle United of

## CASH STRUGGLES TO STAY IN AUSTRALIAN OPEN

## Krishnan shocks Wilander in 2nd round

MELBOURNE, Jan 20. (Reuters): Unseeded Ramesh Krishnan emasculated the power game of world number one Mats Wilander yesterday to cause one of the biggest tennis upsets of the past decade at the Australian Open.

The defending champion went down 6-3 6-2 7-6 in an astonishing second-round thrashing which left the despondent Swede talking of taking a complete break from the game.

## Touches

Wilander, looking demoralised and completely out-of-touch, was outfoxed by an Indian opponent whose powder-puff service would not look out of place in the women's game.

The three-times Open champion was never allowed to take control as the stylish Krishnan used feather touches at the net and delicate dabs to the baseline to achieve the greatest victory of his 13-year career.

"This is my biggest win, no question. To beat the defending champion and number one player in the world is very thrilling," Krishnan said.

A resigned Wilander said: "I just played terribly, it's probably the worst I've ever played. Mentally I wasn't in the match from the beginning."

"There's one part of me wanting to play well but another part stopping me. I will definitely consider taking a break from the game."

And there were no upsets in the women's event as Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini marched serenely on.

the first game of each set and kept the Swede on the defensive throughout.

Wilander, pegged to the baseline for much of the first two sets, started to attack the net in the third, setting the stage for a thrilling climax.

At 5-3 down he saved one match point with a flashing forehand before two netted forehand volleys from Krishnan wasted two more in the next game.

In the tiebreak, Wilander went 2-0 ahead but Krishnan recovered to take a 5-3 lead when Wilander again hit over the baseline.

With his wife Priya looking on in anguish, Krishnan served a double fault to allow Wilander back to 5-5.

The Indian number one earned his fourth match point with an easy forehand volley and won the match with a crosscourt backhand volley.

For the first time in 138 minutes Krishnan allowed himself a smile, toasting his victory with a glass of iced water as the vanquished champion made a swift exit.

Meanwhile, Pat Cash staged another five-set heart-stopper to beat American Rickey Reneberg and reach the third round from the beginning.

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Krishnan hits a forehand drive during his victory over Wilander. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cash lost the last two Australian Open finals in five sets to Swedes Wilander and Edberg, although he beat Edberg after being two sets down in the 1986 Davis Cup final.

Today, Cash, playing in his home town, threw away a two-set lead and then trailed 2-0 in the final set against Reneberg.

But the American suddenly froze at the prospect of beating the former Wimbledon champion

and then breaking twice for a 3-1 lead in the fourth.

Only when he was 2-0 down in the deciding set did Cash begin to fight back and his serve — he smashed 22 aces — carried him to victory in just over three hours.

McEnroe, like Cash, received a code of conduct warning for swearing after offering umpire Gerry Armstrong his views on a couple of line calls in his 6-2 4-6 6-3 defeat of Australian Brod Dyke.

Edberg beat West Germany's Heiner Morring 6-4 7-5 7-5 while Lendl disposed of the West German Davis Cup hero Carl Uwe-Stebe 6-2 3-6 6-0 6-3.

All six women's seeds eased through to the last 16 with Argentine Sabatini and Zina Garrison of the United States expending as little energy as possible in their 6-0 6-0 victories over two more Americans, Camille Benjamin and qualifier Kimberly Kessaris.

World number one Graf narrowly failed to post her second successive whitewash at the first Grand Slam tournament of 1989 when American Marianne Werdel won her final service game of the match before going down to the West German 6-0 6-1.

Graf, demonstrating her speed rather than her power on court one, has lost just four games in three rounds, a fact which leaves her next opponent, Nicole Provia, with little hope.

"I'm not expected to win but I'll just go out there and enjoy myself. I'll go out there and hit the ball — if I just pushed it I'd get blasted off the court," said

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Japan Open

TOKYO, Jan 20. (AP): Lee, top seed Li Lingwei, three Chinese women and one South Korean today marched into the semifinals of the Japan Open badminton championships. The other women's semifinalists are Tang Jinhong and Huang Hua, both of China, and South Korea's Hwang Hye-Young.

## Merle triumphs

TIGNES, France, Jan 20. (AP): Carole Merle of France won the World Cup super-giant slalom ski race today, edging Austria's Anita Wachter and Sigrid Stiglmaier for her third victory of the season.

## Said Aouita

NEW YORK, Jan 20. (AP): Morocco's Said Aouita, holder of four world outdoor records, will make his indoor debut in the United States Feb 3 in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden, meet officials announced yesterday.

## TV rights

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 20. (Reuters): Australia's Network Seven television channel has bought the rights to broadcast the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games for 33.3 million, the organising committee said yesterday.

## Mohammed Ali

DAKAR, Senegal, Jan 20. (AP): Former heavyweight boxing champion Mohammed Ali said yesterday he had no serious health problems and that he was a campaign against him by "enemies of Islam." "The American press portrays me like a dying man," the champ told reporters as he was leaving this West African country after a five-day visit.

## Drug-education

TORONTO, Jan 20. (Reuters): The coach of disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson and all other Canadian coaches should be required to undergo formal drug-education, the president of the Coaching Association of Canada said yesterday.

## Title fight

VASTO, Italy, Jan 20. (Reuters): World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-welterweight champion Juan Martin Cope of Argentina predicts a knockout victory over American challenger Harold Brazier in their title fight tomorrow.

## Cup leader

WENGEN, Switzerland, Jan 20. (AP): World Cup leader Marc Girardelli mastered the icy Lauberhorn course in record time to post a new downhill victory.

## Olympic chief

SEOUL, South Korea, Jan 20. (AP): North Korea's Olympic chief plans to deliver a letter to his South Korean counterpart through the border village of Panmunjom on Monday, government officials said today.

## World Cup

ROME, Jan 20. (Reuters): Tickets for the 1990 World Soccer Cup finals in Italy will go on sale from next month, the organising committee said today.

## Match postponed

ALGIERS, Jan 20. (Reuters): Libya postponed a World Cup qualifying match against Algeria today saying the pitch was too closer to its controversial factory at Rabta for safety, Algiers radio reported.

## Soviet player

LONDON, Jan 20. (Reuters): Sergei Baltacha tomorrow becomes the first man from the Soviet Union to play in the English Soccer League. The defender, who has played 48 times for his country, will make his debut for Ipswich Town in the Second Division match with Stoke City.

## Pele Cup

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan 20. (AP): Uruguay defeated West Germany 1-0 yesterday and Brazil tied Italy 1-1 in tense second-round matches in the Pele Cup soccer tournament of former soccer greats. Both games were played in a packed Canindé stadium before a cheering crowd of 30,000.

## Diego Maradona

NAPLES, Italy, Jan 20. (Reuters): Argentine World Cup soccer captain Diego Maradona of Napoli has ruled himself out of a key Italian League clash on Sunday to take at least 10 days rest for a back strain.

## Frank Bruno

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Arizona, Jan 20. (Reuters): British Frank Bruno has raised the level of his training for next month's heavyweight title fight against Mike Tyson by adding two tough ring veterans to his corps of sparring partners.



Nigel Clough (left) wins the ball from a QPR player.

First Division lost 1-0 at Second Division Watford.

A own goal in the 24th minute of extra time by Newcastle's Glenn Roeder decided the marathon tie. Watford will be at home to First Division Derby in the fourth round.

Argentine midfielder Ossie Ardiles broke his right leg as Queen's Park Rangers crashed out of the Cup.

Ardiles limped off after 31 minutes, following a tackle, but the full extent of his injury did not become clear until later.

Ardiles was taken to hospital and we've just had confirmation

that he has cracked the fibula in his right leg," said player-manager Trevor Francis.

It probably means a minimum of six weeks on the sidelines for Ardiles, who twice overcame a similar injury when at Tottenham.

Forest manager Brian Clough said in a newspaper interview published today he would again strike fans who invaded the pitch at his English First Division soccer club.

Under the front page headline "I do it again," Clough said in the Sun newspaper: "If I catch spectators on my pitch in future I

know exactly what I'll do. They'll get another clip round the ear hole."

Clough is at the centre of a major row after striking four spectators who were among about 200 who invaded the pitch at the end of Wednesday's Cup tie.

Clough said in the newspaper he offered his resignation to the club chairman but it was rejected.

The manager expressed regret for what happened but added: "... I do it all over again, because although my actions went a twenty (little) bit too far, I know my motives were spot on (absolutely correct)."

Clough said: "If anyone comes over the wall he'll get another clip — just as anyone would if they invaded my back kitchen."

"I might believe I was wrong to do it. But I'm not repentant about the principle."

He added: "They say I clouted (struck) four, but I swear it was five."

Meanwhile struggling Sheffield Wednesday are certain to make another major impact on the First Division title race tomorrow when they travel to League leaders Arsenal.

A shock victory for Wednesday, fourth from bottom of the table, would check Arsenal's recent surge into a five-point lead and keep champions Liverpool and title outsiders Manchester United in the hunt for honours.

But their total capitulation at

Highbury could put even more daylight between Arsenal, currently top with 43 points from 20 games, and the chasing pack, particularly as second-placed Norwich and fourth-placed Millwall clash on Sunday.

Those with any remaining interest in the destiny of the title will be hoping Wednesday find the sort of form which swept them into a 2-0 lead against Liverpool last week before the champions salvaged a point in a 2-2 draw.

But Wednesday boss Peter Eustace is making no promises. "It will probably be our most difficult away game of the season," he said. "And I think our performance last week will have nothing to do with what happens at Arsenal."

"The result against Liverpool obviously helped confidence — but that only lasts so long."

To avoid defeat in London, Wednesday will need to plug a defence which has conceded 13 goals in their last five games and to leave with anything more than a point they will also need to spark new life into a forward line which has scored only seven goals in 10 away matches this season.

Liverpool entertain Southampton having won only two of their last five League games and knowing they could be 14 points adrift of Arsenal by tomorrow night while Manchester United travel to second-from-bottom West Ham.

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